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- Mr. Al Vollbrecht, City of Murrieta
- Mr. Darryl Wong, Utility Engineer, City of Milpitas

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PROCEEDINGS 1 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Good morning. And welcome. 3 We're going to start our wonderful committee, 4 Sustainability and Market Development Committee of the California Integrated Waste Management Board. Thank you 6 all for being here today. Jeannine, would you be so kind 7 to call the roll, please. 8 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Yes, ma'am. Peace? 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Here. 10 11 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Washington? COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Here. 12 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Marin? 13 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Here. 15 Okay. I get reminded all the time. I forget 16 about the ex partes. 17 So, Ms. Peace. COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I'm up to date. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. 20 Mr. Washington. 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I'm up to date. 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And so am I. Let's see that's it. I think everybody here has 23 24 been here before. If you haven't, you have an opportunity 25 to address the Committee when the item is before us. If

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- 1 you need to address the Committee on items not on the
- 2 agenda, then you do that at the end of the Committee.
- 3 We have a full Committee today. I expect to be
- 4 through before lunch. Hopefully, we will do it. We won't
- 5 leave until we finish. So, no questions from Carl will be
- 6 allowed.
- 7 (Laughter.)
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I only have 25.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Let me take the privilege of
- 10 the Chair -- actually, let me just do 2 things. Item 12
- 11 will be just an update, so there won't be a lot. It will
- 12 just have in Committee. It won't go to the Board. Item
- 13 15 will go to the full Board. And Item 25 will go to the
- 14 full board.
- 15 So with that are there, let's start -- Patty,
- 16 will you start with the first report.
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Good morning, Board Chair
- 18 and Committee Members. Patty Wohl with the Waste
- 19 Prevention and Market Development Division. I have a
- 20 couple of quick things I wanted to announce. The first
- 21 being that the Notice of Funds Available for the reuse
- 22 assistance grants will be mailed to interested parties.
- 23 There will be \$250,000 available for projects promoting
- 24 reuse.
- In addition, I wanted to give the Committee

- 1 members an update on the tire design competition. This
- 2 was a contract that was approved back in December of 2003.
- 3 We have approved that with Cal Expo. They're helping us
- 4 to do a design competition utilizing tire or crumb rubber.
- 5 So the idea was to see if we could find out new possible
- 6 products that could be developed out of tires, and then,
- 7 you know, give them some assistance maybe in getting those
- 8 marketed.
- 9 I have good news to report. We received 91
- 10 entries -- so that's great -- 21 companies and 6
- 11 individuals. We're kind of currently working with the
- 12 contractor on developing the award scheme for that. But
- 13 we feel like we'll have an individual group -- an
- 14 individual category and then a group category that would
- 15 be either a partnership or a company. We have most of the
- 16 judges secured. They're planning on doing the judging on
- 17 the fairgrounds on July 27th.
- 18 And then the reason we thought Cal Expo was such
- 19 a good contractor was that we could showcase the winners
- 20 at the State Fair. So they are agreeing from August 12th
- 21 to September 5th to showcase those. You know, how you
- 22 have those exhibits where you have the art projects and
- 23 different things. So we will be exhibiting there.
- And then they do plan to have an event to, you
- 25 know, announce the winners. And we haven't really worked

- 1 out the date of that, but we'd be interested in Board
- 2 participation, as well as Cal Expo has a board, so it
- 3 would be kind of a partnership. So that's good news.
- 4 So with that, unless there's any questions, I'll
- 5 move right into my items.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: The first item is
- 8 Committee Item B or Agenda Item 11, Consideration of
- 9 Plastic Trash Bag Manufacturers and Wholesalers Compliance
- 10 with the Plastic Trash Bag Law for the 2004 Reporting
- 11 Period. And Sue Ingle will present.
- 12 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- Presented as follows.)
- 14 MS. INGLE: Good morning, Board Members and Board
- 15 Chair.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Good morning, Sue.
- 17 MS. INGLE: My name is Sue Ingle, and I will be
- 18 presenting Agenda Item 11, Consideration of the Plastic
- 19 Trash Bag Manufacturers and Wholesalers Compliance with
- 20 the Plastic Trash Bag Law for the 2004 Reporting Period.
- 21 Publicly Resources Code 42297, Plastic Trash Bag
- 22 Law, requires all manufacturers and wholesalers of
- 23 regulated trash bags .7 mill and thicker to certify with
- 24 the State of California of their California sales. It
- 25 also requires the Board to publish a list of any

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- 1 suppliers, manufacturers and wholesalers who have failed
- 2 to comply with the law.
- 3 The Department of General Services utilizes the
- 4 Board's published list to confirm eligibility for award of
- 5 contracts by the State of California. Manufacturers are
- 6 required to annually certify by meeting the law using one
- 7 of the following options:
- 8 --000--
- 9 MR. INGLE: They can manufacture plastic trash
- 10 bags with 10 percent or more post-consumer content; use 30
- 11 percent post-consumer resin in all plastic products; or
- 12 they can request an exemption due to insufficient quality
- 13 and quantity of post-consumer resins.
- 14 --000--
- 15 MS. INGLE: The summary of the manufacture filing
- 16 as of July 8th, 2005, which was last Friday, there were 83
- 17 certifications mailed in January of 2005 to manufacturers
- 18 of plastic trash bags. The group that met the
- 19 post-consumer resin content used between 10 percent and 60
- 20 percent of post-consumer resins in their regulated bags.
- 21 Notice the compliance results are slightly different than
- 22 those in the agenda item, as the item was last updated on
- 23 June 3rd.
- 24 None response manufacturers were given an
- 25 opportunity to respond by close of business July 8th, and

- 1 the agenda item will be updated to reflect those changes
- 2 before the Board meeting.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MS. INGLE: Wholesalers are required to annually
- 5 report to the Board the amount of plastic trash bags sold
- 6 into California. They report their shipping locations,
- 7 and identify the manufacturers and wholesalers from whom
- 8 they purchase regulated trash bags.
- 9 The results of the wholesaler certification are
- 10 shown on the table. There were 278 certifications mailed
- 11 to businesses with 81 demonstrating compliance. There
- 12 were 100 companies that did not respond and whose
- 13 regulatory status is yet to be determined.
- 14 Many of these companies were added to the
- 15 wholesaler certification for 2001 from a Department of
- 16 General Services bidding list and staff has found many of
- 17 these companies are not regulated.
- 18 Three wholesalers from this group have not
- 19 demonstrated compliance, with 1 of these wholesalers
- 20 submitting an incomplete form.
- 21 --000--
- MS. INGLE: The nonresponse group of
- 23 manufacturers and wholesalers as of July 8th, 2005, staff
- 24 identified 29 companies that should have returned a
- 25 certification. These companies were identified by either

- 1 store surveys or past certifications that indicated they
- 2 sold regulated trash bags. Of this group, 19 demonstrated
- 3 compliance by returning certification forms by last
- 4 Friday. Five were determined to be out of compliance for
- 5 2004, and 1 company, OfficeMax, has submitted an
- 6 incomplete form with an Email notation that they will
- 7 return the missing data by July 22nd.
- 8 Staff has requested OfficeMax to return the
- 9 information by July 14th to meet the Board's public notice
- 10 for the agenda item. Meanwhile, OfficeMax has a large
- 11 contract with the State of California.
- 12 Here's a history of the post-consumer material
- 13 usage in regulated trash bags.
- 14 --000--
- MS. INGLE: Since 2001, the amount of
- 16 post-consumer resin usage in regulated bags has decreased
- 17 by almost 50 percent. Yet the amount of trash bags sold
- 18 into California last year increased by about 9 percent.
- 19 --00o--
- 20 MS. INGLE: Moving on to Option 1, this option
- 21 would adopt and publish -- okay, moving on to Option 1.
- 22 Okay, Option 1 would adopt and publish a combined list of
- 23 noncompliant manufacturers and wholesalers. This is
- 24 slightly different than the Board's adopted policy of
- 25 listing the manufacturers and wholesalers separately. But

- 1 it satisfies the requirements of the plastic trash bag
- 2 law.
- 3 This option also recommends adopting a list of
- 4 manufacturers that met the minimum post-consumer content
- 5 requirements. This is a new list and would include only
- 6 manufacturers that met the 10 percent minimum content
- 7 requirements. This list would assist state entities with
- 8 procurement purchasing requirements for the State Buy
- 9 Recycled Law.
- 10 --00--
- 11 MS. INGLE: Option 2 would adopt and publish the
- 12 same list as published in 1999. This option recommends
- 13 adopting a separate list of compliant manufacturers, a
- 14 separate list of compliant wholesalers, a separate list of
- 15 noncompliant manufacturers and a separate list a
- 16 noncompliant wholesalers.
- 17 --000--
- 18 MS. INGLE: Finally, staff recommends we adopt
- 19 Option 1. This concludes my presentation, and are there
- 20 any questions?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Sue, let me just ask you,
- 22 there was -- on the list that I was given that had the 29
- 23 names and many of them have already submitted, there's a
- 24 few still that are left. Of those that are left, there's
- 25 one apparently that is continuing -- that is going through

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- 1 the process. Was that OfficeMax then?
- 2 MS. INGLE: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And they are fully aware that
- 4 our Board meets next week?
- 5 MS. INGLE: Yes. We've had numerous
- 6 conversations with their representative, and our legal
- 7 counsel has been in touch with their legal counsel. They
- 8 sent us a note saying that they would have the information
- 9 by July 22nd. And Friday afternoon, I sent them an Email
- 10 stating that that was not acceptable, and that they needed
- 11 to have the information to us by the 14th.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Is this something that
- 13 happens every year with them or was this unusual?
- 14 MS. INGLE: This was a bit unusual. Identifying
- 15 the nonrespondents is a process you have to go through
- 16 after all the certifications have been returned, and you
- 17 go through them. And then you decide who hasn't
- 18 responded. And this group was identified specifically
- 19 from store surveys, and also submitting from last the go
- 20 around.
- 21 So next year we're planning to do this
- 22 differently, and make sure that they're out sooner,
- 23 because this is a pretty tough deadline.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. I'm trying to figure
- 25 out, because it seems to me that we do a lot of business

- 1 with OfficeMax. And it seems to me that they should have
- 2 been aware that this is an ongoing yearly certification.
- 3 And why, you know, it must have been some kind -- I want
- 4 to give them the benefit of the doubt that somewhere
- 5 somehow that process was not properly done. But I want to
- 6 avoid this in the future, and I want to believe that we
- 7 will certify them properly.
- 8 MS. INGLE: Madam Chair, they had received the
- 9 certification in January. I received -- I got the -- we
- 10 send everything certified mail, so they -- I received a
- 11 green card back that they had received it. Now, where it
- 12 went from there, they don't know. So that's why we called
- 13 their legal counsel this week to let them know that the --
- 14 their legal counsel is in Chicago and the office that
- 15 received the certification is in Shaker Heights, Ohio.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Madam Chair, there was
- 17 some indication that the person that it was specifically
- 18 addressed to no longer worked there. So that could have
- 19 been some part of the delay or trying to get it to the
- 20 right location.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. Well, you know, if the
- 22 Board doesn't have it by the Board meeting, we're going to
- 23 have go and do our job. And I'm sure they wouldn't want
- 24 us to do our job, which will be to list them as
- 25 noncompliant.

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1 MS. INGLE: They've submitted 80 percent of the

- 2 information --
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah, but we can't give them
- 4 80 percent.
- 5 MS. INGLE: -- but it's still incomplete.
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: So, Madam Chair, can I
- 7 make a comment. Our thought was to try and get them to
- 8 give the information by the 14th in order for us to post
- 9 it, and then it could remain on consent because you would
- 10 have the new list, and you would know who's on that list.
- 11 If they possibly can't meet that date, but we do
- 12 get it before the Board meeting, we could pull it off
- 13 consent, and just tell you the new information and say
- 14 that we have a slightly revised list that isn't posted,
- 15 but we could hand out hardcopies at the meeting, and that
- 16 would give them maybe 1 or 2 more days.
- 17 But we're inclined to say they have to -- you
- 18 know, by the Board meeting. Unless you feel they have a
- 19 compelling enough story that you want to give them, in
- 20 particular, you know, an extension. And then you could
- 21 approve it, you know, via that date and if we got the
- 22 data, we could go forward with the list.
- 23 So those are some of your options.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, I guess we have
- 25 conditionally approved things before, haven't we?

- 1 STAFF COUNSEL BORZELLERI: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: It will be conditionally
- 3 approved provided that we received all of the information
- 4 before the Board meeting.
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: And even you could
- 6 conditionally approve, if you wanted -- if the story, like
- 7 I said, was compelling enough that you wanted to say,
- 8 okay, August 22nd is the drop-dead date, you could direct
- 9 us --
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: August, you mean --
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: July.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: -- July. You're kinder than
- 13 I am.
- 14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I'm already in Santa Rosa,
- 15 I think.
- 16 (Laughter.)
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: You could direct us to
- 18 take that data, and if it's accurate, revise the list
- 19 accordingly and send you a memo or something like that.
- 20 That might be the way fallback plan.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: No. I want to believe that
- 22 OfficeMax, you know, would do -- I think that they've done
- 23 it in the past, and something fell through the cracks.
- 24 We'll give them the benefit of the doubt, but we do want
- 25 that information before the Board meeting.

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- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Okay. That's what we'll
- 2 direct them to do.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you for your report.
- 4 Any further questions?
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I had a question. You
- 6 said the certification request went out in January, and
- 7 that the deadline is July 1st, is that what you -- what
- 8 was the deadline?
- 9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: It's earlier than that.
- 10 PLASTIC RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES SUPERVISOR LEAON:
- 11 The deadline was March 1st
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And the deadline is in
- 13 March, so we're still calling people and trying to -- why
- 14 do we do this?
- 15 PLASTIC RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES SUPERVISOR LEAON:
- 16 For the record, this is Mike Leaon. I supervise the
- 17 Plastics Recycling Technology Section.
- 18 Yeah, this certification was handled a little
- 19 differently, because we included many companies that
- 20 hadn't previously been included in previous
- 21 certifications. So we wanted to do outreach to them to
- 22 give them the most opportunity, as we could, to get them
- 23 into the process and give them a chance to get their
- 24 certification forms in.
- 25 As you saw in Sue's presentation, we had about a

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- 1 hundred companies that didn't respond, and a lot of those
- 2 were off of the DGS bid list. So we wanted to outreach to
- 3 them to give them an opportunity to get their
- 4 certification in.
- 5 Next year, as Sue alluded to, we would plan to be
- 6 much more stringent on the deadlines.
- 7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: The only other thing that
- 8 occurs with this is as part of certification, they might
- 9 identify another company that we were not aware of. And
- 10 so we have to build in this sort of second piece, because
- 11 they maybe are doing business with a company that we
- 12 didn't certify at first, but now we're informed of. So we
- 13 either have to decide to go out for that certification
- 14 within a window or catch them in the following year. So
- 15 it's just --
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So right now there's no
- 17 penalty for being late?
- 18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Correct. Well, you get
- 19 put on this list. You become noncompliant, you get put on
- 20 this list.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And how many companies
- 22 do we have that comply using the 30 percent post-consumer
- 23 content criteria, so we know?
- 24 PLASTIC RECYCLING TECHNOLOGIES SUPERVISOR LEAON:
- 25 This is Mike Leaon again. We have no companies that

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- 1 comply through that option, and that would be 4
- 2 manufacturers not wholesalers.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Okay, thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. With that let's go to
- 5 the next item then. We need to -- I'm sorry, I'm jumping
- 6 ahead. We need to adopt Resolution 2005-189. Is there a
- 7 motion for that?
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I'd like to move
- 9 Resolution number 2005-189, revised.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Second.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Moved by Ms. Peace seconded
- 12 by Mr. Washington.
- 13 Call the roll, please?
- 14 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Peace?
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Aye
- 16 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Washington?
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.
- 18 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Marin?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Aye.
- Okay. All right, the next item.
- 21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: So we we'll put that on
- 22 con sent pending any additional information that comes in.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yes.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Okay. The next item is
- 25 Committee Item C or Board Item 12, Update on Progress

- 1 Toward Achieving Goals of the Carpet Stewardship
- 2 Memorandum of Understanding. And John Blue will present.
- 3 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 4 Presented as follows.)
- 5 MR. BLUE: Good morning, Madam Chair and Members
- 6 of the Committee. Today, I'm bringing an update on the
- 7 the Carpet Stewardship Memorandum of Understanding, that's
- 8 Agenda Item 12 on the Board packet.
- 9 --000--
- 10 MR. BLUE: First, a brief history. In 2001, the
- 11 Board staff upon the invitation of the -- I believe, it's
- 12 Massachusetts Environmental Director joined in some
- 13 negotiations that were already underway addressing the
- 14 issue of disposal of carpet and recycling.
- 15 And in January 2002, California and a number of
- 16 other states and the U.S. EPA signed the MOU under
- 17 Secretary Hickox's signature.
- 18 --000--
- 19 MR. BLUE: The participants in the negotiation
- 20 included several states, U.S. EPA, the carpet industry,
- 21 represented both through their trade association and
- 22 members of individual companies. Approximately 99 percent
- 23 of the carpet industry participated in negotiating this.
- 24 A handful of non-governmental environmental organizations.
- 25 --000--

- 1 MR. BLUE: In summary, the goals of the MOU were
- 2 pretty aggressive. First, to start a third-party
- 3 organization to sort of shepherd the goals, and ultimately
- 4 to divert 40 percent of the carpet waste by 2012. But
- 5 you've got a very aggressive goal considering carpet
- 6 diversion at this point was pretty much negligible.
- 7 --000--
- 8 MR. BLUE: Each year we come back before the
- 9 Board to sort of give you an update on the progress. And
- 10 the goal if we were to stretch out that 40 percent 10-year
- 11 goal, the goal for 2004 would be about 7.9 percent
- 12 diversion. And based on the annual report, we actually
- 13 achieved somewhere closer to 2 and a half percent, 2.4
- 14 percent.
- 15 --00o--
- MR. BLUE: Now, the first question is really what
- 17 does this mean? What do these numbers mean?
- 18 And one way to look at this, it does show a
- 19 significant increase over the prior year, 15 and a half
- 20 percent. Things are happening. This is a nationwide
- 21 figure. Really, the lion's share of carpet diversion does
- 22 occur in California, both through LA Fibers in Los Angeles
- 23 and through a new recycler in Fresno or new carpet
- 24 recycler in Fresno, Chamlian, both who are the larger
- 25 recyclers in the United States.

- 1 And quite importantly this was a voluntary survey
- 2 of recyclers, and they really only had a 7 percent
- 3 response rate. Although, I would argue that they did
- 4 capture the bigger recyclers.
- 5 Looking at this number, if we assume what I was
- 6 assuming earlier, that the bulk of the recovery is in
- 7 California, California's recovery rate is between 15 and
- 8 20 percent. And that's using good disposal data for
- 9 carpet for the state.
- 10 --000--
- 11 MR. BLUE: As I mentioned, carpet disposal --
- 12 just this past year we got our first look at what some
- 13 real numbers are regarding carpet disposal. Every year
- 14 carpet, when they looked at waste characterization studies
- 15 in prior years, carpet was always thrown into a category
- 16 called other or organics or something like that, which was
- 17 really hard to pull out, because that included like, you
- 18 know, organic materials like plant materials.
- 19 In this waste characterization study they found
- 20 about 840,000 tons per year disposal in California. And
- 21 based on the numbers that we were using, industry
- 22 estimates of disposal, we were expecting somewhere in the
- 23 order of about 300,000 tons per year, when we negotiated
- 24 the MOU.
- So, in actuality, there's a lot more carpet going

- 1 into the landfill than when we first took a look at this
- 2 or we were looking at this.
- 3 --000--
- 4 MR. BLUE: A couple of -- to look at the
- 5 disparity, some of this -- I suspect a large part of
- 6 this -- really relates to market trends, shifts in
- 7 consumer tastes. Before carpet was always the upgrade.
- 8 You went from wood floor or whatever you put wall to wall
- 9 carpeting, that was the upgrade. Now, the upgrade is
- 10 hardwood floor or laminate woodflooring. Carpet is
- 11 actually coming out of homes.
- 12 Possibly, there's greater than expected product
- 13 turnover carpet is not lasting or not staying in homes or
- 14 businesses as long as the industry estimated when we
- 15 calculated the original number. And this could be a
- 16 temporary bump in disposal.
- Unfortunately, we're not expected to take a look
- 18 at another waste characterization study for a couple of
- 19 years, so we won't know. And one thing that would be
- 20 important to take a look at, which I don't know if I can,
- 21 but the question is, does this disposal exceed industry
- 22 production? And that would tell us pretty quickly whether
- 23 or not this was sort of a bump -- an anomaly in disposal.
- Under the MOU, the State and the government
- 25 participants or one of our big obligations was to look at

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1 procurement to encourage diversion of carpet through our

- 2 purchasing. California purchases a zillion dollars of
- 3 carpet each year.
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- 5 MR. BLUE: And the recent green procurement
- 6 action plan that we've started on identifies carpet as a
- 7 priority. And over the past year or more staff has been
- 8 working with DGS and other state agencies, predominantly
- 9 environmental and health related State agencies, the U.S.
- 10 EPA and industry on a nationwide effort to develop a green
- 11 or EPP or Environmentally Preferable Procurement
- 12 specification of carpet. And out of that we developed a,
- 13 what we're calling, the California Gold Carpet Standard
- 14 specifically for California carpet purchases.
- 15 This standard would have a fairly aggressive 10
- 16 percent post-consumer content to be SBRC compliant.
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- 18 MR. BLUE: And with minimal chemical emissions
- 19 and a product reclamation board for the companies that's
- 20 pegged to the MOU goals. The goals of the MOU included
- 21 reclamation programs at businesses, which are fairly
- 22 achievable.
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- MR. BLUE: We had a meeting in May. We brought
- 25 the external stakeholders some carpet manufacturers and

- $1\,$ designers, and so forth together to take a look at what we
- 2 were proposing. We were talking comments on the proposal
- 3 through July, and we're going to have follow-up meetings
- 4 with intern and external stakeholders in August. This is
- 5 a fairly rigorous and involved project. It represents a
- 6 lot of work.
- 7 We're anticipating a DGS management memo by the
- 8 end of this year, which would then put it in the SAM or
- 9 the PAM, the Procurement guide they use, so that all
- 10 carpet purchases in California would hopefully fall under
- 11 this new specification.
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- 13 MR. BLUE: Taking a look at sort of trends, what
- 14 are the factors affecting achievement of the MOU goals?
- 15 Of course, the downward pressure, probably most
- 16 significantly, the closure of the Evergreen Nylon
- 17 Recycling Facility just prior to the signing of the MOU
- 18 continues to have a negative impact on the achievement of
- 19 the goals by limiting the amount of post-consumer nylon
- 20 fiber available for use.
- 21 As I mentioned, there is the lack of
- 22 post-consumer nylon. As far as I know, the only
- 23 repolymerization plant in North America is in Canada. And
- 24 it's a fairly small facility.
- 25 And I still remain concerned about a lack of

- 1 industry investment in infrastructure that we'll need to
- 2 address the problem. And also significant concern --
- 3 consumers aren't demanding sustainability and recycled
- 4 content. This is a hard nut to crack.
- 5 Hopefully, by the State stepping up with a
- 6 purchase requirement with post-consumer content. That
- 7 would help encourage industry and other consumers to
- 8 demand similar content.
- 9 Upward pressure, things encouraging the
- 10 achievement of the goals. We are seeing more recycling
- 11 investment by outside entrepreneurs. And there is an
- 12 increasing demand from Asia really for all plastics,
- 13 including carpet. Nylon is a fairly valuable plastic.
- 14 Rising oil prices are also stimulating demand.
- 15 People are looking at recycled content now that virgin is
- 16 more expensive.
- 17 Another issue that may have a significant impact
- 18 on carpet recycling is that there is a flame retardant ban
- 19 taking effect next year that affects foam carpet pad,
- 20 rebond foam pad, that will negatively impact that
- 21 industry. And one of the competitors to that product is a
- 22 fiber pad, made with recycled -- or post-consumer carpet
- 23 fiber coming out, both from LA Fibers and Chamlian. And
- 24 there are some other post-industrial products back east.
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- 1 MR. BLUE: Additionally, we're seeing an
- 2 increased visibility of carpet as a resource for people
- 3 who are manufacturing a product that can be made from
- 4 recycled plastic, they're seeing carpet is an available
- 5 plastic material that they can use in their manufacturing.
- 6 We saw a handful of new manufacturers at the recent MOU
- 7 conference, Carpet MOU Conference, this spring, where
- 8 manufacturers completely unrelated to the carpet industry
- 9 were turning to carpet as an easily available source of
- 10 plastic for their products.
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- 12 MR. BLUE: Looking into the future, we expect to
- 13 see -- I expect to see continued growth in recycling and
- 14 recovery.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Looks like you, Mark.
- MR. BLUE: Looks like me before I had my haircut.
- 17 (Laughter.)
- 18 MR. BLUE: And, hopefully, if we do get our
- 19 procurement requirement in place, we'll be driving
- 20 increased demand for more post consumer nylon.
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- 22 MR. BLUE: In summary, oil prices and worldwide
- 23 economic trends were going to drive the process -- will
- 24 continue to drive the process unless we see significantly
- 25 increased capital investment by the carpet and fiber

- 1 industry. Now, every time I bring this up, I'm told by
- 2 the industry that we are doing things, but it's a secret.
- 3 This may be true, but I can't evaluate those sorts of
- 4 claims.
- 5 And that's really what, you know, the future will
- 6 show us.
- 7 Thank you. And following my presentation, I have
- 8 Dr. Bob Peoples who's the Executive Director of the Carpet
- 9 America Recovery Effort and sustainability manager for the
- 10 Carpet Rug Institute to talk about this issue.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you, John. We really
- 12 appreciate your presentation. Are there any questions for
- 13 John?
- Ms. Peace.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: You mentioned something
- 16 about having the State -- require the State to buy carpet
- 17 that had some post-consumer content in it. If the State
- 18 wanted to buy all their carpet with recycled content in
- 19 it, would there be enough out there carpet to buy that has
- 20 recycled content in it?
- 21 MR. BLUE: There are at least a couple of
- 22 manufacturers who could meet this requirement right now.
- 23 We might not see the breadth of products available that we
- 24 would like to see, but in the short-term, there are
- 25 products available. And I have been told by people who

- 1 are specifying these similar requirements that even
- 2 manufacturers who don't have a ready running line of
- 3 products can special -- can make a special production to
- 4 meet these requirements.
- 5 We're hoping that if we're buying all of our
- 6 carpet in this way, then the need for special lines will
- 7 be diminished when they convert to running lines, so the
- 8 product will be available widely and continuously.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I think that one of -- the
- 10 goal here is to recycle as much as possible of the
- 11 carpet -- the used carpet that is out there, but they also
- 12 recycle the leftovers of the production of new carpet. So
- 13 that's good as well.
- 14 And while we would want, and my desire and the
- 15 goal would be to recycle as much old carpet into new
- 16 carpet, we also must consider the fact that carpet is
- 17 being recycled into many other products. And as far as
- 18 we're concerned, the diversion is taking place. You know,
- 19 it's not going into a landfill.
- 20 So while not the optimum or the most desirable,
- 21 you know, the fact is that that is not ending in the
- 22 landfill, which is our primary concern. And whatever the
- 23 state, the State has an inordinate amount of push because
- 24 we purchase a lot, it's just quantity. So we want the
- 25 State to buy as much carpet that it has recycled content

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- 1 in it.
- 2 Hopefully, that will lead to other other cities
- 3 and regular consumers to say, hey, that's really good for
- 4 the environment. But we're moving that way. I think that
- 5 while we would like to see more, I think, the steady
- 6 growth that I can see is steady. You know, the curve is
- 7 up. If it's not a straight linear curve, the curve is up
- 8 and so that's very good.
- 9 Any further comments?
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Is Mr. Peoples?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah, he's going to make a
- 12 presentation.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Okay. I'll ask him some
- 14 questions.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you very much for your
- 16 work.
- 17 Mr. Peoples.
- 18 (Thereupon an overhead presentation was
- 19 Presented as follows.)
- 20 DR. PEOPLES: Good morning, Madam Chairperson and
- 21 members of the Board. First of all, thank you very much
- 22 for the opportunity. I know time is tight. This is the
- 23 proverbial example of pealing the onion and each layer you
- 24 take down, there's more detail.
- 25 So I'm going to try to give you a very high level

- 1 synopsis here. But I also want to thank the State of
- 2 California for their leadership participation in what
- 3 we're trying to accomplish. And I particularly want to
- 4 acknowledge John Blue because he's been actively involved
- 5 in the dialogue that we've got going on here. If you're
- 6 going to tackle a tough problem, you need everybody's
- 7 perspective, so I think that's critical.
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- 9 DR. PEOPLES: Let me just give you a little bit
- 10 of a benchmark. You can see on this slide an example of
- 11 some of the recycle levels that are documented in the
- 12 literature for a variety of different industries. And you
- 13 can see some of them are petty high and very successful.
- 14 Some of them are fairly low. But what I want to point out
- 15 to you is these numbers are all predicated on programs
- 16 which, by and large, have been in place for a decade or
- 17 more.
- 18 They've got a good foundation. The CARE
- 19 organization has been around basically for 3 and a half
- 20 years. And the first year or so, maybe 18 months, was
- 21 really spent trying to figure out who we are, where we're
- 22 going and how to get there.
- 23 We started with absolutely a blank sheet of paper
- 24 with no information about what was going on and how we go
- 25 about going forward. I kind of think we've had -- we've

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- 1 made some pretty good progress during that time.
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- 3 DR. PEOPLES: This chart will just give you a
- 4 kind of a graphic summary of what John has shared with
- 5 you. You can see that the diversion that's taken place
- 6 over the last 3 years, that we've actually conducted a
- 7 quantitative survey has increased. Yes, there's a gap
- 8 between the MOU goals and actual diversion. And I'm going
- 9 to speak to that in just a minute. But one of my big
- 10 concerns is starting a process of collecting the data from
- 11 the beginning is it's very difficult to establish your
- 12 base of information.
- 13 Since the CARE annual meeting took place the
- 14 second week of May, I have had face-to-face discussions
- 15 with people and quantitated the fact that we missed 15
- 16 million pounds of diversion, which I've reflected in that
- 17 little bullet on the right-hand side, which says that the
- 18 report is issued, and the report documents 108 million
- 19 pounds. But, in fact, I know the number is about 123
- 20 million pounds, which is about a 31 percent increase over
- 21 the year before.
- Why is that important?
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- DR. PEOPLES: Well, before I share that with you,
- 25 I also want to give one other key piece of information.

- 1 The mission of CARE is to develop market based solutions
- 2 for the reuse and recycle of post-consumer carpet.
- 3 Why market-based solutions?
- 4 Because we leave in a free-enterprise system, and
- 5 if we can't make money doing this, it's going to be very
- 6 hard to push this thing uphill. Ninety-eight percent of
- 7 everything that was documented in terms of diversion last
- 8 year went into reuse and recycle not into waste to energy.
- 9 Waste to energy was only about 8 percent. We consider
- 10 that one option out of the puzzle of options that we're
- 11 trying to put together here.
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- DR. PEOPLES: So where are we going in the
- 14 future?
- 15 Let me just take a few minutes to explain this
- 16 chart to you. The bars in the light blue color represent
- 17 actual numbers measured in our surveys. I've left the 108
- 18 pounds here, because that's what's documented in the
- 19 report. The bars to the right represent an analysis that
- 20 was conducted by the carpet industry by hiring an
- 21 independent academic person from Georgia Institute of
- 22 Technology where he went out and interviewed all the
- 23 carpet mills, and all the entrepreneurs that we could get
- 24 our hands on and asked them to document confidentially
- 25 what they thought their programs would contribute in terms

- 1 of diversion going out through the year 2008.
- 2 We put all those numbers in a sanitized
- 3 spreadsheet. And then I discounted all of those
- 4 contributions that were projected by 50 percent, so all
- 5 the green bars, which represent what we think could happen
- 6 in the future, have been discounted by 50 percent, and you
- 7 can see what the projected diversion rates might look.
- 8 The green bars represent what we think noncarpet
- 9 industry people will contribute. The blue bars what the
- 10 carpet industry will contribute.
- 11 But more importantly -- there we go -- that blue
- 12 line that's just appearing on your chart represents the
- 13 linear increase in the targeted diversion based on the
- 14 CARE MOU. In a nutshell what I would say is when we
- 15 created those targets 3 years ago, we had no knowledge of
- 16 where we were, no idea how we would get there, and we'd
- 17 said well ramp up from 0 to 40 percent diversion.
- 18 The problem is that's not realistic. It's not
- 19 realistic to assume you can climb a linear curve. So what
- 20 we've done, based on market development literature for the
- 21 introduction of new products and new technology into the
- 22 U.S. market, we know that the literature shows us that you
- 23 really follow an S curve. You have a slow rise initially
- 24 while you have early adopters testing the market and
- 25 developing new technology and products.

- 1 And then when people begin to become convinced
- 2 that a reliable quality of material, a reliable quantity
- 3 of material at a reasonable price will become available,
- 4 they'll start to jump in and participate. What that says
- 5 is as we look forward into the years 2006, and especially
- 6 2007 and 8 and 9, you can see as that curve turns up, we
- 7 see a rapid increase in the diversion that's projected to
- 8 take place and in fact starts to approach around the year
- 9 2009, 2010 actually hitting what we think are the CARE
- 10 targets.
- 11 Now you're looking at the guy that spends 24
- 12 hours a day trying to figure out how to do this, and it's
- 13 like riding a roller coaster. Sometimes I think to myself
- 14 how are we ever going to do this. And then I tell you I
- 15 get so excited because I really think we can do it.
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- 17 DR. PEOPLES: And the reason I think we can do it
- 18 was because we have a lot of people involved in what's
- 19 going on right now. This is kind of an estimated
- 20 breakdown of the contributors to what that diversion might
- 21 look like in 2006. You have carpet industry, which
- 22 contributes around 20 percent or so. The use of cement
- 23 kilns, which have a unique story, which I will not go into
- 24 right now, and power outlets contributing a substantial
- 25 amount, and then entrepreneurs another third, as we go

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- 1 forward.
- 2 A good mix of possibilities, knowing that all of
- 3 the options we have on the table are not going to manifest
- 4 themselves.
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- 6 DR. PEOPLES: So let me kind of wrap this up by
- 7 saying this slide shows to you a collection or collage of
- 8 a a variety of different products, many of them are not
- 9 made in the carpet -- made from -- not made into carpet.
- 10 There are other products, noncarpet products. In
- 11 addition, the carpet industry is working very aggressively
- 12 toward carpet-derived products.
- 13 In the end, I think we have a large variety of
- 14 options here which offer to me a great probability of
- 15 success as we go forward. We have to walk before we can
- 16 run. I think it's premature to judge the CARE
- 17 organization as not meeting its targets. I feel very good
- 18 that we're on the right trajectory here.
- 19 I'm going to stop there and offer to answer any
- 20 questions. And if you need more details, we can always
- 21 follow-up subsequent to this discussion.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Than you, Dr. Peoples.
- I know Ms. Peace wanted to ask a couple of
- 24 questions.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: The diversion numbers

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- 1 you're talking about, are you using the new diversion
- 2 numbers from California, because originally we only
- 3 thought that -- I guess with the new numbers we got --
- 4 that there's actually 3 times more carpet than we thought
- 5 going into landfills. Are you using those new numbers or
- 6 the old numbers?
- 7 DR. PEOPLES: We're not using those numbers yet,
- 8 because we've not figured out -- well, first of all, we
- 9 haven't validated the numbers. And second of all, all of
- 10 this data is just kind of hot off the press. So this is
- 11 evolving as we go. So, no, we've not rolled those new
- 12 numbers in yet.
- 13 I'd really like to know whether those numbers in
- 14 California reflect what's going on nationally. If we've
- 15 got an aberration based on the marketplace. John Blue and
- 16 I have spent a fair bit of time talking about why the
- 17 numbers appear higher out here, and we don't have good
- 18 answers yet.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I thought our waste
- 20 diversion study was pretty accurate.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: The characterization.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: The Characterization
- 23 Study, I'm sorry. So you said the MOU was signed in
- 24 January '02 and 99 percent of the carpet industry signed
- 25 that MOU. So what exactly have you been doing? Is there

- 1 any capital investment that you've made?
- 2 DR. PEOPLES: Yeah. Therre's a subtantial amount
- 3 of capital being invested by the carpet industry. I can't
- 4 quantitate the number because they won't share that with
- 5 me. As John mentioned, there's some proprietary marketing
- 6 reasons why people don't want to share some of the details
- 7 of those programs.
- 8 However, I can tell you that, for example, Mohawk
- 9 Industries manufactures a variety of products that they
- 10 use internally in the manufacture of carpet, cores and
- 11 cones for processing rolls of carpet and yarns in the
- 12 manufacturing operation, that are made 100 percent from
- 13 waste generated in the manufacturing operation. That's
- 14 waste not going to the landfill.
- 15 Shaw Industries just announced a 2 and a half
- 16 million dollar investment they'll be starting up an energy
- 17 recovery plant that will supply steam to their carpet
- 18 manufacturing. One of their carpet manufacturing
- 19 operations that's derived from the energy embodied to the
- 20 carpet that will not go to the landfill in the Dalton
- 21 area.
- There's a variety of new products that you hear
- 23 about, kind of, periodically. We just had a large
- 24 commercial carpet show in Chicago, where companies will
- 25 announce new carpet products coming out with post-consumer

- 1 content in them. Carpet tiles is a segment of the market
- 2 place that's growing quite rapidly right now. Carpet
- 3 tiles have an advantage for post-consumer carpet, because
- 4 they weigh more per square yard than broadloom does. And
- 5 they have a thicker backing. That's where the weight
- 6 comes from.
- 7 It's much easier to put post-consumer material
- 8 that is less pure, if you will, into that backing system,
- 9 than it is to get it pure enough to spin back into the
- 10 fiber of the face. There are substantial efforts going
- 11 on, behind the scenes, to be able to figure out how to
- 12 spin post-industrial and post-consumer carpet derived
- 13 materials back into face fibers.
- 14 I suspect it's going to be 3, 4, 5 years before
- 15 those manifest themselves as commercial operations. And
- 16 the primary reason is it's very difficult to get a
- 17 material pure enough economically to spin back into the
- 18 face fiber. But I can tell you for a fact the research is
- 19 going on.
- 20 My comment earlier about climbing that curve is I
- 21 think we have to walk before we can run. The point is, I
- 22 think we're walking in the right direction.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And what kind of
- 24 recovery infrastructures are out there?
- DR. PEOPLES: Well, there's about 10 or 11 mostly

- 1 entrepreneurs across the United States today that are at
- 2 various levels of recovery of post-consumer carpet. They
- 3 equal about 123 million pounds today, and that number will
- 4 grow pretty substantially, probably again by another 15 to
- 5 30 percent next year. They're taking carpet back by a
- 6 variety of business models, and they're diverting it in
- 7 either noncarpet related products or into energy derived
- 8 options, and some of it is being shipped internationally,
- 9 primarily into India and Asia where they have a shortage
- 10 of petro-chemical based raw materials for their plastics
- 11 industries over there.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Well, I quess it sounds
- 13 a little encouraging, but I still think a lot more could
- 14 be done. Do we hear this item again next year or do we
- 15 bring an update again next year?
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: We can, at your direction.
- 17 I think that's sort of what the Board directed last time
- 18 was we're going to stick with this, but give us an update
- 19 in you know a year to 18 months. So if you want that,
- 20 that's what we would do, bring it back and tell you what
- 21 kind of progress we're making next year.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, maybe what we need to
- 23 do is find out what -- and maybe we need some specific
- 24 study for our own purposes, what can we as a board do. I
- 25 mean CARE -- we may be the signators of an MOU, but what

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- specifically do we want as a board? Is this -- you know, within all of the priorities that we already have, how
- 3 much more time, energy and effort will we need to spend on
- 4 this.

- 5 You know, I think that that's a bigger discussion
- that needs to take place before, you know. Bringing this 6
- 7 up every year will do nothing unless we decide that we
- want to focus this. And then we develop the programs and 8
- grants or loans or whatever, but it needs to be in a 9
- different context. 10
- I appreciate the work that CARE is doing. You 11
- know, we're the signators of that. I don't don't know how 12
- 13 much that we contribute to your work, but I think that we
- 14 need to have this discussion and, you know, as far as
- within our priorities, because we can't say we want to do 15
- 16 this and then not put the resources.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Right now, basically it's 17
- John Blue working on that. And maybe I can give some 18
- 19 context to this. This is also part of the EPP task force
- that is feeding into the Green Action Team that the 20
- 21 Governor's heading up.
- 22 So this is one of our quick wins was to develop
- that gold standard, and so we're going to take that 23
- 24 package in the memo through the Green Action Team, and
- 25 sort of get the commitment of the cabinet level

- 1 Secretaries to kind of push the purchase by State
- 2 government of this new carpet spec.
- 3 So really we feel like we're going to have -- we
- 4 might have some real momentum coming to kind of leverage
- 5 the State purchasing. And so we'd probably want to see
- 6 how that worked, and you know --
- 7 DR. PEOPLES: Madam Chair person, may I share one
- 8 more piece of information.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Only one.
- 10 DR. PEOPLES: I understand there is -- first of
- 11 all, we support and appreciate the goal procurement
- 12 process going forward, because the goal here is to create
- 13 demand for products that contain post-consumer carpet.
- 14 That's the only way to have value for what we're
- 15 collecting.
- 16 It's my understanding that there is an initiative
- 17 in California looking at greening the low-income housing
- 18 markets. And, as you can imagine, carpet covers the
- 19 floors of almost all of those establishments. And if we
- 20 could tie in post-consumer content into the cushion and
- 21 the carpets for those, we could start seeing 30 percent of
- 22 the market, which is commercial that's driving this today
- 23 spill over into the residential market, which is 70
- 24 percent of the volume in the U.S. and really increase the
- 25 demand for these products.

- 1 So I think there's a lot of leverage. And any
- 2 influence this board can have to help us get attention for
- 3 that dialogue, I think is a step in the right direction.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you.
- 5 DR. PEOPLES: Thank you very much.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Thank you very much.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Well, if you get
- 8 attention on this problem, when you say you're going to
- 9 bring this back, next year and we'll take a look at this
- 10 again, what I would like is if it doesn't look like we're
- 11 progressing any faster than what we are now, I'd like, in
- 12 your report, to have some sort of a legislative proposal
- 13 for us on how you think we can step this up and get the
- 14 recycling of carpet, you know, actually make some more
- 15 progress than what we are, whether it's an advanced
- 16 disposal fee, whether it's a requirement that
- 17 manufacturers put more recycled content into the product
- 18 whether it's a ban -- you know, a landfill ban on carpet
- 19 or whether it's a just conversion technologies.
- 20 I don't know, but when we hear this item again
- 21 next year, if you could have some proposals for us that
- 22 you think would work to get this going and then we can --
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, that's fine. That's
- 24 one Board member speaking. I think that that discussion
- 25 needs to take place, whether all of the Board members feel

- 1 that that's exactly what we want to do, and within the
- 2 priorities.
- 4 for a different time. I don't want to do that and say
- 5 let's just do that next year. I think that that -- every
- 6 so often this Board has to decide is that more important
- 7 than something else, because whenever we make a mandate,
- 8 we also have to allocate resources to do that. We can't
- 9 just from the dais say we want this and we want that and
- 10 we want that and then --
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE. We can mandate anything
- 12 so it has to go the Legislature and that's a whole
- 13 process.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: But even that, Ms. Peace, you
- 15 know that needs to be where the entire board decides that
- 16 that's a priority for us, and I don't know that we're
- 17 making that determination right here right now.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: That's why I say next
- 19 year when this comes forward and it looks like things are
- 20 still flat and things aren't moving as we would like them
- 21 to be, at that time we could consider whether we should
- 22 ask -- consider a legislative proposal.
- 23 I'm just asking staff to put together some things
- 24 that they think would help this move along quicker. I
- 25 just want their ideas and then we can decide do we want to

- 1 ask the Legislature to do some of these things or don't
- 2 we.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. All right.
- 4 That leads us to Item number 13.
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Item 13, Consideration of
- 6 Revisions to the Recycling Market Development Revolving
- 7 Loan Program General Loan Criteria.
- 8 And Jim La Tanner will present.
- 9 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 10 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Good morning, Chair and
- 11 Committee Members. Jim La Tanner Supervisor for the
- 12 Recycling Market Development Revolving Loan Program.
- 13 Agenda Item 13 presents 4 considerations, some
- 14 revisions to 4 of the general criteria we use to evaluate
- 15 all loans irregardless of the type of project. In that
- 16 item, the first item is capping the RMDZ interest rate.
- 17 This is July. Typically, we announce the interest rate in
- 18 January and July based on what the controller SMIF rate.
- 19 That's currently 2.37 today.
- 20 Last year the Board changed the basis because the
- 21 interest rate dropped. If we did not have this agenda
- 22 item today, the interest rate would increase from 5.25
- 23 percent to the current prime rate which is 6.25. This
- 24 item is coming forward, there is a concern that we should
- 25 keep the interest rate -- perhaps cap it at 5 percent,

1 which over would allow manufacturing companies to have

- 2 easier access qualifying for loans. It makes them more
- 3 feasible to obtain a loan to buy more equipment to expand
- 4 operations.
- 5 Also, fi we cap it at 5 percent, pretty much the
- 6 income earned off these loans that we make would cover
- 7 almost 98 percent of the cost to administer the program.
- 8 If we didn't cap it, and went to the prime rate, we'd end
- 9 making a little profit, which would make more money
- 10 available for loans.
- In the item I broke it down into 4 steps, 1
- 12 through 4. A is one option, don't change the basis, which
- 13 would mean leave it at prime. And B would be to cap it at
- 14 5 percent.
- In item 2, in the past, we have a policy
- 16 internally not to loan on the same project twice. If a
- 17 company came to us and got a loan and bought equipment and
- 18 was diverting materials, and then they were able to get
- 19 more feedstock and more customers and they wanted to
- 20 expand, they could not come back for a second loan.
- 21 Subsequently, loans had to have a different
- 22 feedstock, different manufacturing process or different
- 23 endproduct in order to qualify for a subsequent loan.
- 24 Some companies have three or four products, which would
- 25 make them eligible for three or four loans.

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1 We're proposing in here to eliminate that cap and

- 2 allow a company to come back for a second or third loan to
- 3 buy additional equipment to get additional diversion.
- 4 Item 3. We currently have a cap. If they do
- 5 obtain an RMDZ loan, right now they can only use \$500,000
- 6 toward the purchase of real estate. That was put in place
- 7 when our loan interest rate had dropped down to 1.9
- 8 percent, and a lot of companies came to us for real
- 9 estate. But in conjunction with that, they also still had
- 10 to increase diversion.
- 11 The 4th item. We currently do not allow a
- 12 borrower to use their primary residence as collateral for
- 13 the loan. The ZAs would like us to reconsider that
- 14 policy. Staff's recommendation is to continue not
- 15 allowing the personal residence, because at the last 2
- 16 board meetings we didn't. Also, the loan only funds 75
- 17 percent of a project. The borrower still has to come up
- 18 with 25 percent match in the form of either cash in the
- 19 business or a bank loan. Or if they wanted to they could
- 20 to a conventional -- get a home equity loan or refinance
- 21 it.
- 22 Hopefully, if you're looking at this on your
- 23 laptop, I tried to make it fit on one page.
- 24 So staff's recommendation is to go for capping
- 25 the interest rate at 5 percent; to allow loans for

- 1 expansion of the same project, some of the successfull
- 2 companies want to continue to buy more equipment to divert
- 3 more. But the other item is we want to cap how many
- 4 times -- how much a borrower can have outstanding at any
- 5 one time with the loan program.
- 6 If you cap the rate and you allow multiple
- 7 projects, there's going to be a run, we think, on that
- 8 money just a little bit.
- 9 Staff's recommendation is to allow a borrower and
- 10 the related entities affiliated with them to have no more
- 11 than 4 million outstanding principal balance on all RMDZ
- 12 loans at any one time. If they pay the loans down, they
- 13 can come back and borrow again. But we'd like to put some
- 14 cap. We added the language in there that a borrower and
- 15 related entities.
- 16 What generally happens is if a business wants to
- 17 expand, have a second project site or a third project
- 18 site, they open up a new legal entity. For tax reasons
- 19 and the way companies structure and raise funds, that's
- 20 the right way to do it. But I didn't want one company
- 21 siting 2 million in one area, 2 million in a third area
- 22 and just keep using the money on that.
- 23 With that Steve Lautze is here. He is the Chair
- 24 of the California Association of Recycling Market
- 25 Development Zone Administrators and would like to make a

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- 1 presentation.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you, Jim. And I'm
- 3 going to ask Steve to come in and make his presentation
- 4 and be as persuasive as he know how to do that.
- 5 MR. LAUTZE: Okay. Good morning, Chairperson
- 6 Marin and Members Peace and Washington. I did see Rosario
- 7 in Los Angeles yesterday morning. We were both there for
- 8 CRRA and we're both here today. So we're jet-set
- 9 recyclers.
- 10 And some of my zone administrators who might have
- 11 been here today are also in Los Angeles at the California
- 12 Resource Recovery Association. I am Steve Lautze. I am
- 13 the Zone Administrator for Oakland, Berkeley -- the
- 14 Oakland/Berkeley RMDZ and I'm also the President of the
- 15 CARMDZ, the association of RMDZs.
- I want to talk a little bit about the
- 17 Association. We have 31 of the -- there's 35 zones right
- 18 now. Thirty-one of those zones are dues paying members of
- 19 our association. Nine of those folks are on our board and
- 20 we meet monthly on the phone and in-person at zone works.
- 21 So I'm trying to emphasize that this is, I believe, very
- 22 representative of most of the zones of this position
- 23 that's been transmitted to you.
- Let's see, I also want to reemphasize, as I did
- 25 in my letter, that the collaboration that was orchestrated

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by Jim La Tanner and his staff on trying to get to yes and

- 2 get to common recommendations or speak the same language
- 3 on the revisions was a very successful process. However,
- 4 my organization has still managed to differ from the
- 5 recommendations, so that just shows how independent we
- 6 are.
- 7 But 2 of the recommendations from staff are in
- 8 agreement with our own, and they're 2 of the biggest
- 9 issues and would represent really major progress. So we
- 10 thank Jim for that.
- 11 The big picture theme here is that Plan A has
- 12 been working well or okay, but we believe Plan B is
- 13 better. So our group of recommendations represent number
- 14 B on each of the 4 items, 1B, 2B, 3B and 4B.
- 15 Again, in the big picture, conditions have
- 16 changed. We review these general criteria only every 2
- 17 years, and conditions have changed quite a bit since the
- 18 last time this was done. The composition of your board
- 19 has changed somewhat and conditions of the loan fund have
- 20 also changed. The loan sale was executed last October,
- 21 and has really kind of changed the ground rules as far as
- 22 liquidity and the security of the loan fund in the near
- 23 and medium term. And so we think that the criteria should
- 24 also reflect that, and that's reflected in our
- 25 recommendations.

- 1 We also, working with the other main staff person
- 2 under John Smith, Corky Mau, have been developing new
- 3 marketing materials that we believe are going to be a
- 4 major step forward for our ZAs and to market the program.
- 5 Those are ready to roll out, include 6 video case studies
- 6 of different businesses around the state. So the idea is
- 7 we open up the loan program a little bit in this criteria,
- 8 and with the loan sale and we are really ready to make a
- 9 fresh new start to move that money that we've raised.
- To get more specifically into the 4 sub items.
- 11 Capping the loan sale. Again, we agree -- or the interest
- 12 rate we're in agreement with the staff recommendation to
- 13 cap the rate at 5 percent. When the index was changed
- 14 from prime -- or from excuse me SMIF to prime in 2003, as
- 15 Jim said, SMIF was at 1.9 percent, the loan fund was not
- 16 robust as far as the cash on hand, and there was a concern
- 17 about that, that the costs of the program were not being
- 18 covered or addressed.
- 19 So we acknowledge all that, but things have
- 20 changed in that we changed to prime. Prime was at 4 when
- 21 we changed it. Now, it's 6 and a quarter and rising. And
- 22 historically the RMDZ loan interest rate has never, I
- 23 believe, gone above 6 and a quarter. And that was only
- 24 for 1 half a year that it was over 6 percent.
- 25 So we're saying let's take a new look at it.

- 1 Let's cap the rate at 5 percent it's an easy rate for
- 2 business to understand. Prime rate is not a bad rate, but
- 3 we do need to get business's attention to go through this
- 4 program. It takes them 90 days to process an application
- 5 vis a vis the private sector financing world. And so
- 6 there are some -- there is some red tape of going through
- 7 this program, but we want to balance the philosophy and
- 8 the fiscal policy of the Board or suggest that a 5 percent
- 9 cap would both cover the costs and also make the loan
- 10 program attractive at this time when we have good
- 11 liquidity and we have new market materials we're ready to
- 12 roll.
- 13 So I can answer questions on that, if you have
- 14 questions on that.
- 15 I'll go on. The multiple loans per project.
- 16 Interesting, we -- this may be historic where we're more
- 17 conservative than the staff on this. We are recommending
- 18 a \$2 million cap rather than a \$4 million cap. Partly
- 19 because I think the combination that we're recommending in
- 20 the next item of allowing real estate loans to go to 2
- 21 million from \$500,000. And if you follow ours and the
- 22 staff recommendations to also cap at 5 percent, that might
- 23 create some stress on the annual \$10 million allocation,
- 24 if we do a \$4 million cap at the same time.
- But, however, we think at the common sense level

- 1 a project that's working shouldn't be limited from coming
- 2 back for another loan, if it pencils out, and if the
- 3 diversion is worth it. So we're generally supportive of
- 4 that change, but prefer the lower cap.
- 5 Finally, primary residences. I know this issue
- 6 we've lost on this twice that I remember out of the last
- 7 2 tries, but we do only get to come back on these issues
- 8 every 2 years, so we are bringing this back again, because
- 9 some things have changed in the last 2 years. And the
- 10 other thing we learned in the workshop is, that really
- 11 wasn't part of the previous analysis, is that the personal
- 12 guaranties that are required of the applicants, they don't
- 13 explicitly constitute an ability for the Board to take a
- 14 primary residence, but it does allow that essentially.
- 15 When someone makes a personal guaranty, his or her
- 16 residence is in play.
- 17 So on the one hand in marketing the program, ZAs
- 18 at the current time have to say you cannot put your
- 19 primary residence up as collateral. But if they are
- 20 required to do a personal guaranty, you know, they could,
- 21 in a worst case scenario, lose their residence anyway. So
- 22 at a marketing level, the ZAs and we believe a significant
- 23 number of entrepreneurs would like the opportunity to
- 24 pledge their home. And it clearly commits them to the
- 25 success of the venture.

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1 So, let's see. Finally, I know that these issues

- 2 are complex. We did copy Member Mulé. We know she's
- 3 interested in these issues. So if we're not in concert
- 4 with the staff or with what this committee wants, perhaps
- 5 you want to forward one or more of the sub-items to the
- 6 full board, however you'd like to handle that. We're
- 7 ready to be here again next week.
- 8 And I'm ready for any questions you may have.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you. I want to make
- 10 sure that everybody got your letter. You did.
- 11 Okay great.
- 12 What I'd like to do is I'd like to go -- there's
- 13 4 items, so why don't we just go one at a time and see if
- 14 we -- you have specific questions.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I agree with you we
- 16 ought to go one at a time. But can I ask a couple general
- 17 questions first?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Sure.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: In the pie chart here it
- 20 shows budget change proposals at 7 percent. Can somebody
- 21 tell me what those are?
- 22 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 23 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Yeah what that is is
- 24 when -- years ago, when the fund had a lot of money in it,
- 25 there were 2 budget change proposals approved. One is

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- 1 that Cal EPA takes approximately 135,000 per year out of
- 2 the subaccount as their part of their contribution to the
- 3 California District Attorney's Association Circuit
- 4 Prosecutor Program. That's a permanent BCP that comes out
- 5 every year.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: One hundred and
- 7 thirty-five dollars that goes to the Circuit Prosecutor
- 8 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 9 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: One hundred thirty-five
- 10 thousand per year comes from the subaccount to Cal EPA and
- 11 then they remit it over to the circuit prosecutor.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: What was the second one?
- 13 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 14 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: The other is the program
- 15 supports 2 other board programs SBRC and the Buy Recycled
- 16 Program are also funded out the subaccount.
- 17 Now, keep in mind the total of those is 1 million
- 18 8 thousand per year, but IWMA has generally always --
- 19 almost always contributed 2 and a half million into the
- 20 subaccount. So IWMA puts 2 and a half million in and 1
- 21 million 8 comes out for the other programs.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So the IWMA puts in 3
- 23 million?
- 24 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 25 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Two and a half million, so

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- 1 they cover those BCP's, and then there's still a million
- 2 and a half available for loans.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And the other general
- 4 question I wanted to ask was, do you know what the SBA
- 5 bases their interest rate on?
- 6 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 7 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: The Small Business
- 8 Administration, they have several loan programs over
- 9 there. Generally, the SBA is a guaranty program, so the
- 10 bank banks the loan. Generally, if it's a revolving line
- 11 of credit, it's at prime floating plus 2 to 4 percent.
- 12 So if prime is 6.25, the businesses are going to
- 13 get like 10 percent loans from a bank on a line of credit.
- 14 If it's an SBA 504, which is for the purchase of real
- 15 estate, it's probably prime plus 2, but it depends upon
- 16 how many points. They can buy the rate down with some
- 17 points. But the SBA loans generally are all floating
- 18 rates.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. So let's try to go one
- 21 at a time. The first is on the cap, 5 percent. You guys
- 22 recommend that. Steve recommends that.
- 23 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 24 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Yeah, staff is recommending
- 25 5 percent.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So we're okay with that,
- 2 unless you want to make it --
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Oh, I'm not okay with
- 4 that.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I think capping it at 5
- 7 is just way too low. I mean even if we have it float with
- 8 prime, I mean they're still getting a rate that's 2 to 4
- 9 percent below the market. He just said SBA bases theirs
- 10 on prime plus 2. I mean, so to me basing it on prime is
- 11 very, very fair. Why would we want to cap it at 5 when 5
- 12 doesn't even barely cover our costs for running the
- 13 program?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay, 1 or 2. I'm fine with
- 15 5, but Jim first and then Steve.
- 16 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 17 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: I'll make one comment on
- 18 that. The difference between if we cap it at 5 -- and
- 19 when I wrote the item prime was 6, okay that one
- 20 percent -- there's 6 years left from now until the program
- 21 sunset date. If we didn't cap it and prime was at 6, the
- 22 Board would earn an additional million dollars worth of
- 23 interest income.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Then we'd have that much
- 25 more to lend out.

- 1 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 2 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Right. Right. We have
- 3 some applications in-house right now. And we've been
- 4 talking to some borrowers, and they're all happy that
- 5 we're just charging prime, but we haven't talked to them
- 6 recently about the prime is going up.
- 7 One of the ways to get the program out to the
- 8 recycling manufacturers is what is the cost for you to
- 9 expand to buy more equipment to use to take more
- 10 California waste and make a product out of it. If you
- 11 keep the rate low like at 5, it's more feasible for a
- 12 company to expand. A lot of companies -- you know, we
- 13 don't have a lot applications right now, because
- 14 they're -- these companies, they don't want to go out and
- 15 just take additional debt unless they know they're going
- 16 to really make a bottom line profit off that.
- 17 So by capping the rate at 5, which covers most of
- 18 the program costs, they're more likely to come for a loan
- 19 and expand. If it floats up to primte, 6 and a quarter,
- 20 it was what it would be today, if we don't cap it, some
- 21 companies may back off of that.
- 22 We have had some loan applicants that the Board
- 23 has approved recently change their mind and not take the
- 24 RMDZ loan.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: They basically just wouldn't

- 1 expand. They'd just do whatever they can, but then it
- 2 goes against what we're attempting to do is which create
- 3 the market, you know, expand the market.
- 4 MR. LAUTZE: If I could add.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Mr. Washington.
- 6 MR. LAUTZE: Oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I'm sorry.
- 8 I do think that Ms. Peace's comments are well
- 9 taken, if again we have more people involved. With the
- 10 amount of folks participating in this, I mean, I think it
- 11 can really cause some problems for us. But if we had a
- 12 number of people involved, and increasing that to, you
- 13 know, whatever it is at that particular time, would
- 14 certainly be beneficial to the Board.
- DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Can I comment?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yes
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: And yes, a million
- 18 dollars, by raising it that one percent is significant.
- 19 But what we also need to take into consideration is if we
- 20 don't get this money out, what is the 5 percent we're
- 21 losing on that money. And so that is kind of the issue
- 22 that staff came to is our best advantage -- you know, we
- 23 did a bulk loan sale thinking that we would push this
- 24 money out the door quickly, so we could get that 5 percent
- 25 back.

- 1 If we have that money sitting there, we're not
- 2 getting that 5 percent. We're getting some minute --
- 3 2.37. So we're literally losing 2.2, whatever the amount
- 4 would be.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Yeah. How hard is
- 6 that -- if our loans are way under market, doesn't that
- 7 discourage then people from wanting to buy those loans, so
- 8 if we could sell them and get more money back into the
- 9 fund.
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Well, I think what we're
- 11 talking about now is just the first step is that we have
- 12 the money now, and we want to stimulate the market and
- 13 push that out the door, so we can start collecting that
- 14 interest on that money. So, yes, getting more interest
- 15 for future is fine, but if you don't get them out the
- 16 door, you're not going to get that extra 1 percent even.
- 17 So I think we've kind of gone back and forth and
- 18 said, you know what, this loan is designed to -- you know,
- 19 the interest rate is designed to cover the costs and
- 20 stimulate the market. And at 5 percent, we're basically
- 21 covering the costs and therefore we're doing what the
- 22 program was designed to do, which is to stimulate the
- 23 market, get more recycling and help these businesses.
- 24 And, you know, hopefully get more out the door because
- 25 it's an incentive because of the low interest rate, just

- 1 so you understand our thinking.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So if you cap it at 5,
- 3 when you look back in the attachment under what is the
- 4 interest rate, do we need that in there with a minimum
- 5 floor of SMIF?
- 6 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 7 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: In Public Resources Code,
- 8 it states that the loan will be issued at least -- it will
- 9 be based on SMIF.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: But do we need that that
- 11 the minimum floor would be SMIF, is that even --
- 12 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 13 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Yeah. If the program
- 14 sunsets and we're not able to get another extension, the
- 15 funds are repayable back to the IWMA account at the SMIF
- 16 interest rate. So we need to have a floor of whatever the
- 17 SMIF is, which is currently 2.37 percent.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So why would we want to
- 19 have a floor that low, instead of like a floor of 4, which
- 20 is what -- the prime has never been lower than 4. I mean,
- 21 before when we were loaning money at 1.9, I mean to me
- 22 that was like really, really low. I don't even know if we
- 23 ever should have gone that low. And I wouldn't like to
- 24 see it ever be that low again.
- 25 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN

- 1 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Right. We could puta -- I
- 2 mean if you wanted to, we could put a no less than 4
- 3 percent and no more than 5. Or you could just say let's
- 4 just cap it at 5 right now. You're setting the rate for 6
- 5 months until January. I would hope -- I'd like to keep it
- 6 consistent, like let's go 1 year and see if we can get the
- 7 money out the door before we change it. I mean the Board
- 8 could decide let's just cap it at 5.
- 9 PERIOD CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I know Steve has been
- 10 wanting to jump in.
- MR. LAUTZE: Well, I have comments specific to
- 12 Ms. Peace's concerns about -- the first thing I would like
- 13 to point out is that when it was at 1.9 it was not
- 14 tracking with prime. So to the extent it tracks with
- 15 prime, it will be higher than it has been historically in
- 16 the history of the program. And 5 percent is on the high
- 17 side of the average for the history of the program.
- 18 But backing up on a big picture look. This
- 19 program tends to go in a boom/bust cycle. That's been the
- 20 history. When we've had the money, we've tried to take
- 21 measures to move the money, then the money moves and then
- 22 we're cash poor and we clamp down the rules.
- 23 And that is the wrong signal to our borrowers,
- 24 because the inconsistency there is more difficult. But
- 25 specific to your concern about prime being too low.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: SMIF being too low.
- 2 MR. LAUTZE: Well, I think you also argued that 5
- 3 percent was -- the amount the low prime that that was, was
- 4 perhaps a gift.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Yes, um-hmm
- 6 MR. LAUTZE: Yes, my first point is that SMIF is
- 7 much bigger in that means. And we're away from SMIF.
- 8 We're not saying we should go back to SMIF. So prime is
- 9 also going to be more of a moderate rate. And it's
- 10 tracking with the grant marketplace not the State's fund
- 11 rate.
- 12 And then there's at least 2 types of borrowers.
- 13 There's borrowers who are mature who can, in the worst
- 14 scenario, they can mind this fund. They can come in and
- 15 they can take this low interest rate and get \$2 million
- 16 for a project, when they didn't really need it.
- 17 Then there's the other entrepreneurs, several of
- 18 are featured on our case studies, who do these deals
- 19 because -- a composter in southern California, Cal
- 20 Biomass. He says on film, we want to show it to you. He
- 21 can't have done it, because composting is land intensive.
- 22 He had to secure his business with real estate and he
- 23 couldn't have done it, if not for the interest rate or the
- 24 money he saved helped him create that opportunity.
- The low hanging fruit in this yield for market

- 1 development and recycling has been picked. So, again, 2
- 2 types of borrowers, if there's a borrower who's already
- 3 invested in recycled content manufacturing, they can
- 4 really benefit from the low interest rate and including
- 5 the capped rate we're proposing.
- 6 However, if we're going to get new diversion --
- 7 and maybe it's a good time to mention that Chamlian and LA
- 8 Fiber, 2 of the pioneers on carpet recycling have both
- 9 used this fund, and in LA Fiber's case have used it more
- 10 than once.
- 11 If we wanted a company to take a chance on
- 12 recycled content, we need to get their attention. And
- 13 they need to have a distinct advantage over not just the
- 14 interest rate they can get for the same project in
- 15 financing, but they're taking a bigger risk. They're
- 16 using recycled content. They're doing something we want
- 17 them to do.
- And so we look at the 5 percent cap as a reward.
- 19 The last thing I'd say historically, again, is that 6
- 20 percent is as high as the rate has gone. The prime rate
- 21 was 9.5 in 2001. The rate at that time, I don't remember
- 22 exactly, I think it was 5.3, because it was tracking with
- 23 SMIF at that time.
- 24 So in saying a cap at 5, if you want to cap at 5
- 25 and a half or 6, you know, the interest rate for RMDZ has

- 1 never been above 6. So this is not totally radical, what
- 2 we're proposing a cap at 5. It's a simple easy number.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. All right.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: From a banker's point of
- 5 view I'd rather see this as prime or prime minus 1, but I
- 6 do understand that staff and you are on the same page with
- 7 this.
- 8 You said we'll look at this again, the interest
- 9 rate again in 6 --
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: We typically if you --
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: But we only do this
- 12 every 2 years.
- 13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: If it's attached to prime,
- 14 we bring it to you every 6 months, and then show you what
- 15 it's going to be and talk about it. But we don't change
- 16 it, except for once a year, we come and say do you want to
- 17 track it to something different.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So it will be capped at
- 19 5 percent for a year?
- 20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: If you make it strictly
- 21 capped at 5 percent -- we made it no more than 5 or it
- 22 would go to prime. Like if prime dropped back to 4, we're
- 23 proposing that this would drop to 4, so you need to let us
- 24 know how you feel about that. If it's a straight cap at 5
- 25 and we bring it back in a year, and we evaluate it, we'll

- 1 do that.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: You know, I'd like to have
- 3 this come back in 6 months, you know. We'll do it at 5,
- 4 but if, in fact, prime goes down, I don't know -- I don't
- 5 have the glass here that will tell me the glass ball that
- 6 will tell me what the rates are going to be. They could
- 7 go down. And if they do go down, then it would make no
- 8 sense for us to keep it at 5 percent.
- 9 So then I'm -- Ms. Peace, that's the opportunity
- 10 she has to make up some money, but the money won't go if
- 11 it's like that.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Well, if we're going to
- 13 have a cap of 5, we should have a floor of 4. I mean
- 14 prime in 25 years has never dropped below 4. And if prime
- 15 drops below 4, something crazy is going on in the market.
- 16 So I would like to -- if that happens, I would like to
- 17 have it come back to us.
- 18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: We can make that
- 19 adjustment. Instead of the floor of SMIF, which was
- 20 really only, like Jim's scenario, is kind of the paying
- 21 back if there's no sunset, we could make it 4 percent.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: And then only if it --
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Only if there's a dramatic
- 25 change.

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- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: -- if it's more drammatic
- 2 than that would we need to bring it back.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: If not, you'll bring it back
- 4 in a year.
- 5 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 6 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: It would be brought back at
- 7 the January Committee, when the SMIF normally changes.
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Or we would just tell you
- 9 in January, yes we would bring it back a year from now to
- 10 make the change if we needed to.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So that one item is fine
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Is that okay with you,
- 13 Steve?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay, I need to move this
- 15 item right along. I need to deal with another item and
- 16 people need to leave. So let's try to get to item number
- 17 2, which is the allow multiple loans up to 2 million
- 18 dollars per project versus staff recommendation of up to
- 19 \$4 million dollars, correct?
- 20 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 21 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Correct.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Is there anybody that feels
- 23 particularly one way? I have a problem with the \$4
- 24 million, I personally do.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Yeah, I do also. I am

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- 1 more inclined to agree with Steve on this one.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Mr. Washington.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah. And Jim he
- 4 talked a little bit about the -- yeah, these mics seems to
- 5 be having a problem here.
- 6 Now, when you say that they can do the multiple
- 7 loans, but I never heard you mention -- well, you did, you
- 8 said they would have to pay -- how much would they have to
- 9 pay back before they can come and seek another loan?
- 10 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 11 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: You can have -- a borrower
- 12 of unrelated entities could have no more than 2 million
- 13 principal outstanding at any one time.
- 14 For example, BAS Recycling currently owes 1
- 15 million 1 hundred thousand on a loan. We have just
- 16 received a new application for \$2 million.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: From them?
- 18 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 19 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: From them. So if -- right
- 20 -- for a new product. So they would have 3 million 1
- 21 outstanding. If we cap it at 2 million, then this loan
- 22 request we would have to decrease it from 2 million to
- 23 900,000.
- 24 It would accomplish -- of that 2 million loan
- 25 request, they were asking 5 hundred thousand for new

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- 1 equipment for additional diversion and 1 million 1 to
- 2 payoff some high debt short-term.
- The 4 million is what staff was recommending is a
- 4 borrower could have 2 loans outstanding, and roughly 22
- 5 borrowers have more than 1 loan. The bigger successful
- 6 companies that open up new projects actually get more
- 7 diversion. If you go for 4 million, it still has to be
- 8 analyzed by staffy. They have to demonstrate the ability
- 9 to pay it back, collateralize the loan, additional
- 10 diversion on each loan, and they can have 2 loans
- 11 outstanding.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I hear what you're saying. I
- 13 just have -- you know, it right now may sound okay because
- 14 we have a bigger amount of money. But what happens, you
- 15 know, when we become, you know, even more successful and
- 16 more companies start requiring the money, and then, you
- 17 know, there won't be enough money to be doing 4 million a
- 18 shot.
- 19 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 20 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Right. If you cap it at 2,
- 21 BAS -- we haven't talked to them specifically about this,
- 22 but they can still get the 500,000 to buy this additional
- 23 equipment that they need to, and they will still do the
- 24 project if we cap it.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Right, yeah.

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- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: The basic philosophy is if
- 2 you feel more inclined to the smaller business, capping it
- 3 at \$2 million is more advisable. If you're for the
- 4 expansion of larger companies that are doing a good job,
- 5 then the 4 million would facilitate that.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: If it's a larger company
- 7 doing a good job, couldn't they go to a bank then and get
- 8 a loan?
- 9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Yes, many of our loans are
- 10 bankable, so yes.
- 11 MR. LAUTZE: My brief comment would just be, we
- 12 would love to have it be a \$20 million a year program
- 13 rather than \$10 million a year program and have a \$4
- 14 million cap. And we have some ideas we'll share with you
- 15 another time about make it a \$20 million program.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I say we do option
- 18 B.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So we do option B on this
- 20 one. The capping at the 2 million.
- 21 Okay. Remove the \$500,000 cap on real estate
- 22 loans. Does anybody feel any particular way? You guys
- 23 are the same. I mean, you agree with that one, so there
- 24 should be no problem with that.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Is it Option A or

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- 1 B?
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Again, I'm sorry. I
- 3 have a problem with this. I would like to see it capped
- 4 at -- still capped at 500,000.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Because real estate
- 7 loans are not hard to get. You can go to a bank and get a
- 8 real estate loan. What's hard to get is money to start a
- 9 small business, and that's what we're here to do. It's
- 10 very, very difficult to go to a bank and say I want to
- 11 start a small business. So that's what we want to give
- 12 our money for. It's not difficult to go to the bank to
- 13 get a real estate loan. So I think we should be putting
- 14 our money --
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: As long as it's
- 16 going to real estate.
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Just to tell you some of
- 18 our logic. Obviously, a real estate collateralized loan
- 19 is good for us. It's easy to get our money back if
- 20 somebody should happen. So that's a plus. The other
- 21 thing is with this package we're sort of promoting the
- 22 idea of expanding businesses. So if any company is
- 23 currently leasing property, this is their opportunity to
- 24 move from that to purchasing property, and make that
- 25 expansion. And so we thought upping that cap facilitated

- 1 that effort.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I just hate to see all
- 3 of our RMDZ loan money going to real estate, when it
- 4 should be going to helping the small business person
- 5 expand or get into, you know, for business purposes not
- 6 for real estate purposes.
- 7 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 8 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Yeah. Technically, all of
- 9 the loans are too small businesses by the number if they
- 10 have 500 or fewer employees. One loan the Board recently
- 11 approved is the Pallet Company down in Long Beach. They
- 12 were applying for a \$500,000 -- they were using \$500,000
- 13 of the loan proceeds to purchase -- to refinance a
- 14 \$1,500,000 property. They were leasing property from the
- 15 City of Long Beach Redevelopment. The Long Beach Permit
- 16 Section came in, wanted a lot of improvements made to that
- 17 property to get the facility into compliance and the
- 18 Pallet Comapny said, but we don'town the property, why
- 19 would we want to put capital improvements on your land for
- 20 our business.
- 21 And it ended up that the business relocated
- 22 several blocks away, bought land for \$500,000 and put a
- 23 million dollar building on it and was able to get more
- 24 diversion out of it.
- On the Long Beach it's a floating interest rate,

- 1 25 year amortization, but a 15 -- there's a balloon coming
- 2 up, so they applied to us, but we only had that \$500,000
- 3 cap on it. The Board approved that loan. However, the
- 4 Pallet Company subsequently declined to accept the loan
- 5 because it's only a 15-year amortization. And since it's
- 6 only \$500,000 they still have to go out and get financing
- 7 for the other million somewhere else.
- 8 Another example, we are working with U.S. Rubber.
- 9 They are looking at purchasing a facility to further
- 10 expand their business from a major company, and there's a
- 11 little bit of contamination on that property. They've
- 12 asked us -- approached us for financing on that once the
- 13 property is cleaned up. SBA won't look at that, because
- 14 there is some contamination on it. They are growing to go
- 15 ahead and lease the property from the owner on a
- 16 lease-purchase arrangement, but they're still looking for
- 17 financing. And if we have a \$500,000 cap, then they will
- 18 have to go look at SBA.
- 19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I mean an alternative is a
- 20 slightly higher cap, if you want to cap it at a million or
- 21 something like that. But that's just an option.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I actually like that. I
- 23 actually like it where it's not a cap of 2 million, but \$1
- 24 million it would seem to me more reasonable than what we
- 25 have right now, which is \$500,000. I was wondering, why

- 1 \$500,000. I mean there is not properties in California,
- 2 you know, residential let alone commercial property. So
- 3 if you're uncomfortable with the capping, maybe a million
- 4 dollars would be.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: If that's what it takes
- 6 to get a compromise, I could go for that. But like I say,
- 7 I still feel like we're not real estate lenders.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: You know, I actually agree
- 9 with you, except for the fact that we have, for example,
- 10 composting facilities where those particular businesses
- 11 are land. I mean, they require a lot of land. And if
- 12 we're going to try to get more people to go into that
- 13 business, land is their business.
- 14 MR. LAUTZE: If I could add on that specific
- 15 point, they're also very hard to site. Composting and
- 16 construction and demolition facilities are arguably 2 of
- 17 the things we need most, and they are also the hardest
- 18 things to site, especially near our urban centers.
- 19 And if the proponent of -- or if the entrepreneur
- 20 that's doing one of those activities doesn't have site
- 21 control, I mean you're going to try to lease a site for
- 22 doing a compost facility, that's going to be an even
- 23 bigger difficult.
- 24 So, again, we can get more complex and limit it
- 25 to C&D or land intensive businesses, but the issue is

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- 1 industry -- industrial land is under duress in California.
- 2 So if entrepreneurs -- recycling entrepreneurs who are
- 3 trying to control their fate and their future and grow
- 4 their recycling activities on industrial land, having an
- 5 option like this in a low-margin business to buy their
- 6 property it's a good option and we need more than \$500,000
- 7 is what I would say.
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: So, Madam Chair,
- 9 Option A with the --
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Cap of \$1 million.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: -- cap of \$1
- 12 million.
- 13 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 14 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Let me add one comment.
- 15 Staff was recommending no cap on the purchase of real
- 16 estate, because you can get up to a \$2 million loan and we
- 17 most likely would end up in a first deed of trust
- 18 position. If we leave the cap at \$500,000 or we cap it at
- 19 \$1 million, what's going to happen is they're going to go
- 20 to SBA and borrow the first million and come to us for
- 21 like \$500,000 or \$1 million for a second deed of trust.
- 22 If they default on that loan, then we may have to buy out
- 23 that first to get a lien position.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Like you said, they
- 25 could go to the SBA to get the loan, so why can't they do

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- 1 that anyway? Why do we need to give them the loan on real
- 2 estate. They can go the SBA. They can go to a bank.
- 3 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 4 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Right. They would go to
- 5 SBA and get a first deed of trust and then we'd end up in
- 6 the second position.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Maybe that's what they
- 8 should do and then our money should be going for the
- 9 business purposes not for the real estate.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah, but then that poses the
- 11 question of if we make that loan, the collateral will no
- 12 longer be that because they have the first deed. SBA
- 13 would have the 1st deed.
- 14 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 15 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: We'd be in second position
- 16 behind an SBA first of half a million dollars.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We will be in second position
- 18 to get our money.
- 19 You can't have your cake and eat it, too. I know
- 20 you want to do that.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: No, what I want to do is
- 22 say they have to go to the SBA or a bank to get their real
- 23 estate loan.
- 24 MR. LAUTZE: Jim isn't the SBA -- the main SBA
- 25 real estate purchase program a 50/40 match, where you have

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- 1 to get -- you can get 50 percent from the SBA and 40
- 2 percent from elsewhere? I mean, is that right?
- 3 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 4 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: I think it's a 50 percent
- 5 is the bank. SBA does a guaranty for 40. You know, it's
- 6 got collateral.
- 7 MR. LAUTZE: So it's better for the bank in that
- 8 scenario.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, let me do this. Let me
- 10 have Ms. Peace think about it for a couple of minutes.
- 11 I'm going to do something that I never do, but I'm going
- 12 to cut this for a second, and I will come back to this
- 13 item. I need to hear the City of San Marino. They have
- 14 an item before us, and they're going to have to get out of
- 15 here really, really fast.
- So think about it -- while San Marino is
- 17 presenting, don't pay any attention to San Marino. Think
- 18 about it the other one.
- 19 (Laughter.)
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I have lots to say about
- 21 San Marino.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Item 16.
- 23 STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER
- 24 MORALEZ: It's Item H on the Committee and Item 16 on the
- 25 Board item. And the City of San Marino within Los Angeles

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- 1 county is requesting a second SB 1066 time extension
- 2 through December 31st, 2005. Board staff has determined
- 3 the information submitted in the application has been
- 4 adequately documented and recommends the Board approve the
- 5 time extension request for the City.
- 6 The Assistant City Manager Matt Valentine is
- 7 available to answer questions and is here today.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Mike Valentine, is that the
- 9 name?
- 10 STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER
- 11 MORALEZ: Matt.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Matt. Thank you, Mr.
- 13 Valentine for coming. We really appreciate you taking the
- 14 time. And I know you have to get out of here, so we're
- 15 going to be as accommodating as we can, and hopefully
- 16 we'll get you out of here really fast.
- 17
- 18 MR. VALENTINE: Thank you. We appreciate that.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: As you know, the concern of
- 20 this committee and the Board has to do with your diversion
- 21 rates that are at a very low 30 percent of what we --
- 22 that's the information we have before us. So what does
- 23 the City of San Marino intend to do to increase that 20
- 24 points?
- MR. VALENTINE: Well, I think at the last board

meeting -- and I appreciate you taking this out of order

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- 2 to accommodate us. At the last board meeting there were 2
- 3 issues of concern: One was related to our procurement,
- 4 and the other one was related to our C&D Ordinance.
- 5 I inherited this program about 2 years ago. And
- 6 prior to that, amongst other duties, all I was concerned
- 7 about was trash picked up at my house. Obviously, this is
- 8 a complex industry. I have a great appreciation for that.
- 9 And as such I've learned a lot. So I applaud the spirits
- 10 of this Board.

- 11 Two things related to procurement, we do have our
- 12 Public Works Department, when we do go out to bid on
- 13 certain projects such as overlays, we do use rubberized
- 14 asphalt, aside from the fact that it does reduce noise on
- 15 the streets, it does have a recycling element to it. We
- 16 just recently had a project about 150 tons worth of rubber
- 17 tires were recycled. One hundred fifty tons for our city
- 18 is a lot. We're a small town.
- 19 We figure 300 tons is a benchmark, as far as a
- 20 percentage point. So that's a half percentage point right
- 21 there. There are other efforts on our -- by or Public
- 22 Works Department. I mean when we do our curb gutter
- 23 sidewalk projects, we use that intert material and recycle
- 24 that. We've also used grants to purchase playground
- 25 equipment.

- 1 So from the procurement side, certainly we'd like
- 2 to improve upon that, but again I understand the spirit of
- 3 the Board and I'm here to honor that.
- 4 The second item was related to our C&D Ordinance.
- 5 Currently, that's in the poessesion of our city attorney.
- 6 He's reviewing it as we speak. As far as timing is
- 7 concerned, our counsel I think they'll be dark in August.
- 8 This will probably be presented to the council at a study
- 9 session in September and go to them in October, and
- 10 hopefully adopted by November or December of this year.
- 11 Are there any other questions I can answer at
- 12 this point?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: You know, I wanted to ask you
- 14 specifically about the mandatory recycling. It seems to
- 15 me that right now your residents have an option that it's
- 16 not really mandatory?
- 17 MR. VALENTINE: What I inherited was we had 2
- 18 haulers in town. One hauler was -- there was significant
- 19 exposure. There was an incident on school property where
- 20 a trash hauler individual was crushed between the truck
- 21 and the vehicle. And so that's what I was walking into
- 22 here. And so my goal was to get rid of that firm.
- 23 And then when I went out to bid, I had diversion
- 24 in mind. And so that's kind of where we're going with
- 25 trying to require it or mandate diversion. As far as

- 1 that, the responsibility is on our hauler. One hauler
- 2 uses a MRF facility. And they are -- they present about 3
- 3 quarters of all of our accounts within the city. Then the
- 4 other hauler they have a separate container there with the
- 5 regular trash.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Is your city council at any
- 7 point contemplating having a mandatory recycling --
- 8 curbside recycling?
- 9 MR. VALENTINE: We place the responsibility on
- 10 the haulers, the 2 haulers in town. And we're expecting
- 11 to get the diversion rate out of the 2 haulers in town.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And how are you going to do
- 13 that?
- 14 MR. VALENTINE: They're providing service --
- 15 well, one of the things that came up during the bidding
- 16 process was that I wanted to include our roll-off bin
- 17 providers, because I wanted to control the refuse that was
- 18 being collected in town.
- 19 However, one of the council members had a
- 20 different opinion about that, and so that was pulled from
- 21 their. And that's why I think the C&D Ordinance is very
- 22 important, so that I can require reporting from those that
- 23 are not part of the franchise agreement to report to me,
- 24 and so I can get a better sense and require them to divert
- 25 50 percent of the refuse that they do collect.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. You know some of my
- 2 best friends live in the city of San Marino. And the
- 3 beautiful setting and the beautiful lawns and you have a
- 4 beautiful, beautiful city. I'm wondering whether people
- 5 in your city actually know that you're not recycling as
- 6 much -- or diverting rather as much as you -- as the city
- 7 should.
- 8 MR. VALENTINE: We do try to outreach, you
- 9 know -- our haulers, with their billing, they also let the
- 10 residents know of our intent and our goal to meet our 50
- 11 percent diversion. I think a lot of our residents are
- 12 aware. We accept green waste in unlimited amounts. Even
- 13 if the hauler cries about that, we certainly address that
- 14 issue. And because we have about as many trees as we do
- 15 residents, we do generate a lot of green waste.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. We appreciate all of
- 17 your efforts. I hope you understand that our intent is
- 18 not only to make you fulfill the mandate that has been
- 19 established by law. Your mandate is our mandate as well.
- 20 So every city needs to meet its mandated goal. And we'd
- 21 like to help if there's anything that we can do, we want
- 22 you to succeed.
- 23 It is in our best interests for you to reach 50
- 24 percent. And so some of the things that I know you're
- 25 doing, and we hope that you do more of them, will get you

- 1 there. And, you know, nobody here more than us wants you
- 2 to reach that 50 percent.
- 3 MR. VALENTINE: I appreciate those comments and
- 4 I'll take them home with me.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Ms. Peace wants to say a
- 6 couple of things and I know Mr. Washington also.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So you say your C&D
- 8 Ordinance won't be adopted until 2005?
- 9 MR. VALENTINE: No. No. No.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I mean November 2005?
- 11 MR. VALENTINE: Well, yes, that's probably when
- 12 it will be adopted.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Until the end of the
- 14 year.
- 15 You mentioned that you use RAC and maybe some
- 16 recycled rubble in your curbs. Has the city council
- 17 actually adopted a recycled content procurement policy?
- 18 MR. VALENTINE: We don't have a policy. No, I
- 19 don't -- to my knowledge, we don't have a policy.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Is there anyway that you can
- 21 take that back? It would be very important for us --
- 22 MR. VALENTINE: Certainly.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: -- that you would consider
- 24 that. And I know your C&D Ordinance your attorney has it,
- 25 but it would be -- we would look very favorably upon the

- 1 City of San Marino if you were to pass it as soon as
- 2 possible.
- 3 MR. VALENTINE: Duly noted.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I guess what I don't
- 5 understand, maybe staff can help me understand this, that
- 6 they got a 1066 three years ago and their diversion since
- 7 they got it, it went from 32 to 30. And now from this,
- 8 what I read, it says they've gone up 5 percent, so their
- 9 diversion rate right now you figure is 35. They've been
- 10 on a 1066 for 3 years, and all they've been able to do is
- 11 get 5 more percent diversion. Why aren't we putting them
- 12 on a Compliance Order? Why are we allowing them to get
- 13 another 1066?
- 14 STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER
- 15 MORALEZ: Well, in terms of the 35 percent that's -- at
- 16 this point, that's the way -- what we know on the 2003
- 17 report. It is a improving. The challenge that the City
- 18 was having had been with the haulers. They had some
- 19 problem with the haulers not properly reporting and some
- 20 misallocations. And so we felt that they were, in fact,
- 21 implementing the programs to say they were going to
- 22 implement. But they were having a difficult time in terms
- 23 of getting the information from the haulers. They've
- 24 recently gone to a single hauler, am I correct?
- MR. VALENTINE: Yes, we still have 2.

- 1 STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER
- 2 MORALEZ: Two haulers. But I think they're now requiring
- 3 the accuracy of the reports and looking at some of the
- 4 reporting problems they've had. So, again, it's a small
- 5 community compared to a lot of other communities.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: But it's a very rich
- 7 community, and there's no language barrier. I mean, we've
- 8 been putting fines on really, really small communities
- 9 that are very poor that have a tremendous language
- 10 barrier, so you see that there's problems. This community
- 11 to me doesn't look like they should have a problem. It
- 12 likes to me like their city council isn't taking this very
- 13 seriously.
- 14 MR. VALENTINE: I would -- I mean I would
- 15 respectfully disagree. I mean, we do take this serious.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: They don't even have a
- 17 recycle procurement policy. They've had 3 years to
- 18 develop a C&D Ordinance and they're just now maybe in
- 19 November we'll pass it.
- 20 MR. VALENTINE: As far as specific numbers
- 21 related to our diversion, my consultant Alyson with Aurora
- 22 Environmental certainly can discuss those items. But I
- 23 can assure you that when we do go out to bid for items,
- 24 like, for example, we're looking to construct a new
- 25 library. And when we go out to bid that project,

- 1 certainly whoever does the demolition and hauling of that
- 2 facility will be required to divert 50 percent of the
- 3 debris that is created from that project.
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Well, you already had 3
- 5 years to supposedly get to 50 percent and you're only at
- 6 30.
- 7 MR. VALENTINE: I recognize that, but I also had
- 8 some -- I had a large exposure --
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So why do you think you
- 10 shouldn't be ona Compliance Order when we put other
- 11 jurisdictions in the same position on a Compliance Order?
- 12 In fact, we're going to talk at the Board meeting about
- 13 imposing penalties on a jurisdiction because they don't
- 14 have a recycled procurement policy, and because they don't
- 15 have a C&D Ordinance. And we're giving them a second time
- 16 extension. I mean, I guess I just don't understand the
- 17 difference here.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Mr. Valentine, I hope you --
- 19 and I don't know whether you listened to some of our other
- 20 meetings. These are webcast. And Ms. Peace articulates
- 21 very clearly the feelings of the Board, the entire Board.
- 22 This is very serious. And it's very serious, because we
- 23 are mandated by law to reach that 50 percent.
- We're at 48 percent. And some people may say,
- 25 well, it's only a small little city. Yeah, but when you

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1 add all of the small little cities, you know, they do add

- 2 up.
- 3 MR. VALENTINE: I understand.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PEACE: And every single city must
- 5 take its responsibility. And Ms. Peace is expressing the
- 6 frustration that some of us feel -- I think all of us
- 7 feel, when we see jurisdictions not living up to the
- 8 expectation.
- 9 And I would hope that you take back to your city
- 10 and your mayor -- and we have many mayors come before us,
- 11 where they say well, we didn't do it, but we now realize
- 12 this is very important. And instead of doing it in
- 13 November, we're going to have it in September. You know,
- 14 there's more than good faith. I think we feel very
- 15 strongly that we have been very generous with the time
- 16 that we have given and shown to the City of San Marino.
- 17 And I hope you take that back.
- 18 MR. VALENTINE: I will. I will take that back
- 19 not only to our council but also to our haulers.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Mr. Washington.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I think Ms. Peace
- 22 has articulated my concerns and I just wanted to attach
- 23 myself to everything she said. It is true. I do believe
- 24 that the City of San Marino ought to be placed on a
- 25 Compliance Order. I really do. I know the area extremely

- 1 well. And it isn't a poor area. And I don't -- in good
- 2 conscience, you know, we're doing it to a city that is
- 3 very poor. And here we have another city that is
- 4 extremely well, and we're saying let's extend them. I
- 5 don't think we should do it.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Well, you have 2 --
- 7 MR. VALENTINE: As far as the comments of it
- 8 being a wealthy city, there's no doubt that the residents
- 9 there have been blessed. But that doesn't mean that -- I
- 10 mean, we're solely dependent on property tax. And then
- 11 we're -- not only that, we're dependent upon a public
- 12 safety tax to pay for our police and fire. So although
- 13 ear residents may be rich/poor, as far as the city and its
- 14 budget is concerned, it is limited.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: And then that's
- 16 only limited because if you need to go back to them, you
- 17 can ask for more money. And that is in different areas.
- 18 We come from local governments. We understand how all
- 19 that stuff works.
- MR. VALENTINE: No, I understand that.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, we have 2 board members
- 22 that want to put your city on a Compliance Order. So let
- 23 me ask staff, what the next step is, because we've had
- 24 other cities where the threat was there that we would go
- 25 into Compliance Orders, unless they did certain things at

- 1 a much faster rate. And I'm wondering whether that's the
- 2 next step. And I don't know, Elliot, who would answer
- 3 that?
- 4 Mr. Moralez.
- 5 STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER
- 6 MORALEZ: The item does provide for Option 6, which the
- 7 Board may select, which asks that the Board may disapprove
- 8 the jurisdiction's application and direct staff the
- 9 process to be begin for a Compliance Order.
- 10 And there are some legal requirements in that in
- 11 terms of notice, the 60-day notice requirement, which in
- 12 essence can begin today verbally and we'll follow it up in
- 13 writing. And then the hearing to be scheduled within 60
- 14 days from that point, which would probably about three
- 15 months from now, by the time all the processes go in
- 16 place.
- 17 And Elliot can elaborate on that if I'm mistaken.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Mr. Block.
- 19 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: Well, actually Phil just
- 20 covered it. So it would be approximately 3 months before
- 21 we'd be able to bring back an item for the Board to adopt
- 22 a Compliance Order. Since this application has been
- 23 submitted, this would have to go to the Board next week
- 24 for an actual disapprovel as opposed to the Committee
- 25 directing it.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. We need to do
- 2 disapprove the extension.
- 3 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: But the 60-day notice
- 4 period could start today. There's no requirement actually
- 5 that -- that can be done at the meeting here today and
- 6 that would start us on the timeline.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 8 STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER
- 9 MORALEZ: Madam Chair, before we go forward, Alyson
- 10 Burleigh, the consultant for the city would also like to
- 11 address the Committee.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- MR. BURLEIGH: Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Would you state your name for
- 15 the record.
- MR. BURLEIGH: Alyson Burleigh. I'm with Aurora
- 17 Environmental Inc. And I wanted to clarify a few items
- 18 that were misunderstood, I think, and miscommunicated.
- 19 While the City does not have an overall umbrella
- 20 procurement policy. Within individual divisions they have
- 21 addressed the procurement, in addition to the rubberized
- 22 asphalt that Matt has already mentioned.
- 23 In the 1996 Annual Report, the City reported that
- 24 they have a policy regarding on-site yard waste management
- 25 for city-owned property and that the City transports green

- 1 waste generated at city facilities to a facility to be
- 2 mulches and returned to the city for use in landscaped
- 3 areas.
- 4 In the 2002 Annual Report, the City reported that
- 5 City crews and the City's tree-trimming contractor mulch
- 6 and reused trimming materials from Lacy Park which is the
- 7 primary park there, or they send these materials to other
- 8 green waste processing facilities or for use as
- 9 alternative daily cover.
- 10 In the 2000 Annual Report, the City reported that
- 11 as a rule contractors performing overlay paving projects
- 12 and concrete sidewalk curb and gutter work are required to
- 13 reuse the materials removed as crushed miscellaneous base.
- 14 The city crews performing road work take asphalt and
- 15 concrete to a facility that grinds the material for use as
- 16 base material.
- 17 I've already mentioned some of the other
- 18 procurement activities of the City.
- 19 Another thing that I wanted to clarify is that
- 20 the City -- it was realized that it was no longer
- 21 appropriate to adopt a mandatory recycling ordinance when
- 22 one of the haulers is processing mixed waste, and that's
- 23 the the hauler that has a approximately three-quarters of
- 24 the accounts in the city.
- 25 And so what that hauler -- rather than a

- 1 mandatory participation ordinance, they actually have 100
- 2 percent participation, 100 percent of the time because
- 3 they process the materials at their facility.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And what happens to the other
- 5 25 percent?
- 6 MR. BURLEIGH: That is a curbside recycling, a
- 7 more traditional curbside recycling program. Both haulers
- 8 also offer the separate green waste, in terms of bottles,
- 9 cans papers. They have different programs there.
- 10 And finally, the reason that we're talking about
- 11 starting from a 30 percent diversion rate base, is that's
- 12 what the latest default value that was available when the
- 13 time --
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And that's across the state.
- MR. BURLEIGH: Right. So that's what was
- 16 available then. Of course, 2004 diversion rates are not
- 17 yet available yet, because we don't have the adjustment
- 18 factors. However, based on the quarterly disposal reports
- 19 that the City has received and using just the 2003
- 20 adjustment factors and the disposal reporting errors that
- 21 have already been documented for the Scholl Canyon
- 22 Landfill, the City is projecting a diversion rate of 39
- 23 percent for 2004. That would actually be 1 percent higher
- 24 if AB 2308 had not been implemented as well, that deals
- 25 with the inerts.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Let me ask Mr. Moralez, are
- 2 those figures to your satisfaction? Would that be --
- 3 STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER
- 4 MORALEZ: Well, I haven't seen the numbers personally on
- 5 that. And I'd have to ask Steve. But I'm assuming that
- 6 those are some figures he's discussed with Steve. But we
- 7 haven't done the 2004 numbers yet. So, again, they're
- 8 preliminary at best.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay, Ms. Peace.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: All those efforts sound
- 11 commendable, but like you said you're still only at 39
- 12 percent. The state average is 48. The community that
- 13 we're thinking about putting fines on at the next Board
- 14 meeting is at 45 percent. So I just don't see any reason
- 15 why you should just be at 39 percent. We didn't hear the
- 16 city council did not support roll off services, city
- 17 council did not concur with the city staff's rationale.
- 18 So what I'm thinking is maybe the city council
- 19 isn't taking this seriously. And I'd hate for November to
- 20 come along and say oh, the city council decided that a C&D
- 21 Ordinance wasn't what they wanted to do. I want them to
- 22 know that we're serious about making them follow through
- 23 with some of these things. And we're serious that they
- 24 have to get to 50 percent. Thirty-nine is not good
- 25 enough.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. So let me --
- 2 MR. VALENTINE: I'll take that message back.
- 3 There's no question of where you stand and where I'd like
- 4 to be. And I will take that back to my council.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I'm hoping that a
- 6 Compliance Order will help the staff get through to the
- 7 city council that we're seriou.
- 8 MR. VALENTINE: I fully agree with you. In fact,
- 9 I'd love to have just one hauler.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And, Mr. Valentine, your
- 11 mayor is more than welcome to come before this Board.
- MR. VALENTINE: Right.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So let me just for -- at this
- 14 point in time, it will be a recommendation to go to the
- 15 Board for denial of the 1066 extension. And then, at that
- 16 point in time, when the Board takes the action, then we
- 17 will -- is it, at that time, or is it right now that the
- 18 60 days
- 19 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: Well, the 60-day notice can
- 20 start today, because the 60 day notice is that the Board
- 21 is considering putting the community on a Compliance
- 22 Order. So that can actually start today.
- 23 The staff will wait to formalize that until next
- 24 week, if that's the --
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Let me do that so that it

- 1 will be cleaner. So when we deny it is that when the
- 2 order will start, the 60-day notice will start. I think
- 3 it will be cleaner for everybody, right?
- 4 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: It's the prerogative of the
- 5 Board.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Is that okay.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: That just puts them
- 8 another week behind, but if that's --
- 9 (Laughter.)
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: That's fine.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: It's probably cleaner. So we
- 12 will be -- yeah, your manager or your board or your mayor
- 13 is welcome to come to the Board when we take that action.
- 14 And he -- they can certainly make an appeal. It's not --
- 15 most cities will avoid dramatically and drastically to be
- 16 on a Compliance Order. I don't know if you know that, but
- 17 I'm sure she knows that.
- 18 So we will -- is that the pleasure of the Board?
- 19 Do we need to adopt then -- help me here
- 20 because --
- 21 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: I would suggest -- well,
- 22 the resolution right now is for approval. So I'd suggest
- 23 a motion by the Committee, and we'll -- staff will prepare
- 24 a revised resolution for the Board meeting.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: With Option C.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That will come to the Board
- 2 then?
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Madam Chair, I'd
- 4 like to move adoption of Resolution 2005-194 Option 6.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Is there a second?
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Legally, is that's the
- 7 way it's supposed to read? Okay, I second that.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That's the way it's supposed
- 9 to read?
- 10 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: I'm sorry, I missed that
- 11 question. I'm sorry.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: No. It was just the
- 13 resolution the number and for Option 6.
- 14 STAFF COUNSEL BLOCK: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. All right. Moved and
- 16 seconded.
- 17 Call the roll, please?
- 18 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Peace?
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Aye.
- 20 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Washington?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.
- 22 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Marin?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Aye.
- Thank you, Mr. Valentine, and thank you, Ms.
- 25 Burleigh.

- 1 Okay. Let's see, let's finish this item, and
- 2 then we're going to take a quick break, if you promise me
- 3 that we'll deal with this item.
- 4 We're going to finish this and then we'll go to
- 5 lunch, but we need to take a little break.
- 6 (Laughter.)
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, I don't know unless
- 8 everybody wants to take a break, but I'd rather push
- 9 forward. Let me go back to Item number 13 and the last --
- 10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: We left on the cap on real
- 11 estate is what we were talking about.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Did we decide on the \$500,000
- 13 -- \$1 million rather real estate cap. That was the one
- 14 thing forward, but then Jim came up with his suggestion.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: We'd place second,
- 16 and just do 1 million, because other folks can do a
- 17 million and they can take first place.
- 18 Is that correct, if we do just a million, you're
- 19 saying, Jim, that the loaner can come in and take first
- 20 and we'll be placed in second?
- 21 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 22 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: We'd be -- right. The
- 23 borrower could go to the bank --
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Becaus they could
- 25 do 50/50.

- 1 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 2 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: The borrower could go to
- 3 their bank borrow X dollars as a first lien position, and
- 4 we'd be in second place behind that. And in the unlikely
- 5 event that the business fails, we may be in a position
- 6 where we'd have to take out that first --
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: First. That first, first.
- 8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: But I mean, I guess, I'll
- 9 just add that we're at \$500,000 now.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah, it makes no
- 11 difference
- 12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: So if anything you're
- 13 going to lessen that factor and improve it by upping it.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So what's your pleasure, Ms.
- 15 Peace? We're all hanging on to you how's that.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I would personally like
- 17 to keep it at 500, but if you all feel a million is
- 18 appropriate, I can go for a million cap.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, I think a million is
- 20 better than 500,000.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah, because we're
- 22 at a million, so why would we want to increase it if it's
- 23 going to put us in the same position as of right now at
- 24 500,000, right?
- 25 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN

- 1 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Well, it would make the
- 2 first deed of trust smaller.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah, that's a good
- 4 thing. I mean, if we end up in a situation where we
- 5 become second anyway.
- 6 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 7 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: And we're financing it at a
- 8 lower rate and it improves our cash flow.
- 9 MR. LAUTZE: And I guess the comment I would make
- 10 is that when real estate was allowed after the bill
- 11 passed, 8 out 30 loans included real estate and there was
- 12 no limit. Then it was cut to 500,000 and there was one
- 13 real estate loan out of, I think, over 30, maybe 40. So
- 14 this could be a compromise.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So out of 40 loans you
- 16 only had one real estate loan. So you still got 40 loans
- 17 and those other people went to a bank and got their real
- 18 estate loans.
- 19 MR. LAUTZE: Right. Well if they got real
- 20 estate. I guess the thing I want to not overdue is that
- 21 recyclers have some special real estate needs. So having
- 22 a million -- I'm happy with having a million instead of
- 23 500, but real estate is not -- I know your concern, but
- 24 recyclers have real estate issues as well.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So Ms. Peace.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Well, I guess we would
- 2 do -- is there another 3A, but instead of 500,000 it would
- 3 be a million, the maximum amount of a loan that can be
- 4 used to purchase real estate is a million.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: All right. Okay. The last
- 6 item. Personal residence. I know some people feel very
- 7 strongly about that. I differ from, I think, what your
- 8 position is going to be, but go ahead. I know you feel
- 9 very strongly about that.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah. Again, Madam
- 11 Chair, I think that we've had plenty of discussion on this
- 12 as these items come forward. I just don't believe that we
- 13 should allow borrowers in particular who represent
- 14 companies or otherwise to use their personal residence as
- 15 collateral.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That's how most of the small
- 17 businesses -- if you're going to start a small business,
- 18 you go to the bank, and you put your own personal
- 19 residence as collateral.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Right. And that's
- 21 where I think it should happen at the bank and not with
- 22 the Board, because I don't think we should get in the
- 23 business of being in real estate. We're not a real estate
- 24 business.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah, you agree with Ms.

- 1 Peace what she's saying.
- 2 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Can I ask you how many
- 3 really good recycling business opportunities are we
- 4 missing by not taking homes as collateral?
- 5 MR. LAUTZE: It's really a chicken and egg
- 6 question, because I think staff will tell you they haven't
- 7 had anybody raise this issue as a problem. But we know
- 8 that at the time the change was affected, the first 6
- 9 years of the program residents were allowed as collateral.
- 10 And that is the norm in lending, public and private.
- And at the time the change was made 25 percent of
- 12 the portfolio by number of loans had used primary
- 13 residences as collateral. I believe that staff will also
- 14 tell you that was 14 loans. And that when the policy was
- 15 changed, the staff went back to those 14 and said, "Would
- 16 you like to rework so that your residence is not at risk?"
- 17 And 12 -- all but -- what am I trying to say? All but 2
- 18 of those entities declined.
- 19 So it's a latent demand. I can't bring you names
- 20 of companies that are clamoring for this. But my point
- 21 that their homes are already passively at risk in the
- 22 personal guaranty. It's a marketing advantage to be able
- 23 to allow collateral. You know, and 25 percent of the
- 24 portfolio had it when it was allowed.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: When you put your home

- 1 up for collateral, I mean, they default -- it's very easy
- 2 to take their home. When it's a personal guaranty, it's
- 3 much more difficult to go back to court and take their
- 4 home.
- 5 But have we ever had to foreclose on a home?
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Yeah, once.
- 7 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 8 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: That's why the policy was
- 9 put into place. We had a loan to Tygon down in Riverside.
- 10 The business defaulted. We had a deed of trust on the
- 11 commercial real estate. We had a deed of trust on 4
- 12 undeveloped residential lots. And we had a second deed of
- 13 trust on their home. And that particular isolated
- 14 incident was the owners of the business were both over 61
- 15 and had a could quadruple heart bypass. The wife was
- 16 closed to retirement. They only owed \$23,000 on the home.
- 17 We did end up foreclosing on the home. We worked through
- 18 DGS to liquidate the collateral.
- 19 They leased the home back to them for a year, got
- 20 the lease payments, and they subsequently relocated out of
- 21 state. That's the only incident that we -- that's why the
- 22 policy was put into place.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Why does staff like the
- 24 policy of keeping it the way it is, just so we don't have
- 25 to go through that?

- 1 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 2 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: Well, if somebody needs to
- 3 use equity in their home, it's easier to go out and
- 4 refinance the home and get a 30-year mortgage at 5.62
- 5 percent fixed.
- 6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: And they could do that for
- 7 the 25 percent portion. And I think just, you know,
- 8 didn't really want to put the Board in the position of
- 9 taking somebody's home. And just the idea that also if we
- 10 have to go to DGS, they're not really real estate people.
- 11 It was quite a complicated, difficult process to get them
- 12 to sell their residence. And so it wasn't --
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Sorry, Steve, 2 out of 3, not
- 14 good.
- 15 MR. LAUTZE: Thank you for all your time and
- 16 consideration.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you very, very much.
- 18 Actually, you got 3 out 4, so that's not bad. You can go
- 19 back and tell all of your administrators that you
- 20 represented them well.
- Okay. So that stands the way it is.
- 22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Do you want to recap real
- 23 quick, or does everyon got it. I won't, that's fine.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Let's recap.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Let's recap here.

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- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: We're going to cap the
- 2 rate at 5 percent with a floor of 4 percent. We're going
- 3 to allow for multiple loans for new projects but with a
- 4 cap at 2 million. We are not going to take primary
- 5 residences, and we're going to have a cap on real estate
- 6 of 1 million.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Perfect. Okay. Right, is
- 8 there a motion for that?
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: With those changes as
- 10 stated by Patty Wohl, I'd like to move resolution number
- 11 2005-191.
- 12 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Revised.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Revised.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Second.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Moved and seconded.
- 16 Call the roll, please?
- 17 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Peace?
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Aye.
- 19 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Washington?
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Aye.
- 21 COMMITTEE SECRETARY BAKULICH: Marin?
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Aye.
- Okay.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And then we'll have this
- 25 Attachment 1 that will also be updated before the Board.

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- 1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Yes. We'll update
- 2 Attachment 1 and the resolution would stay the same then.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: This actually should go on
- 4 consent.
- 5 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Okay.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I'm sure Ms. Mulé will agree
- 7 with that.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: She could always pull it.
- 9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: I think I can whip through
- 10 Agenda Item 14 in just 30 seconds if you want to try it.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay, go for it.
- 12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: Agenda Item 14,
- 13 Consideration of the Recycling Market Development
- 14 Revolving Loan Program Application for Glaum Egg Ranch --
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Ms. Peace will not ask any
- 16 questions.
- 17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOHL: This is requesting
- 18 \$257,000 to finance the purchase of equipment. They are
- 19 projected to divert an additional 600 tons of industrial
- 20 chicken manure, sawdust, and post-consumer, paper, pulp
- 21 and cardboard. Staff recommends that the Board adopt
- 22 Option number 1 and adopt Resolution 2005-190 to approve
- 23 the loan in amount of \$257,000.
- 24 RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING LOAN
- 25 PROGRAM SUPERVISOR La TANNER: At 5 percent interest.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And there is 5 percent. See
- 2 we're already doing that. Okay, is there any questions
- 3 regarding the chicken manure?
- 4 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: If there aren't any
- 5 questions, I'll move the resolution. I'd like to move
- 6 resolution number 2005-190.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Second.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Moved and seconded. And we
- 9 will substitute the previous roll call and it will go on
- 10 consent.
- 11 Okay. Can we take a break. We'll take a 10
- 12 minute break. We'll be right back.
- 13 (Thereupon a recess was taken.)
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Thank you very much.
- 15 We're going to zip through these. I promise everybody
- 16 we're going to get out of here before 1 o'clock or else
- 17 lunch is on me.
- 18 (Applause.)
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: No, no, no. Just kidding.
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I'm going to talke
- 21 for 5 extra minutes.
- 22 (Laughter.)
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Just kidding. I figured I
- 24 would get everybody's attention. At this point in time,
- 25 I'd like to take 1 item out of order. We have an

- 1 emergency that a person has to deal with. And so we are
- 2 going to take Item number 20.
- 3 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 4 Cara Morgan, Office of Local Assistance. Item 20 is
- 5 Consideration of the Application for an SB 1066 Time
- 6 Extension by the City of Buena Park in Orange County. And
- 7 Kaoru Cruz will make the presentation.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 9 MS. CRUZ: Good morning, Committee Members. The
- 10 City of Buena Park has requested a time extension through
- 11 the December 31st, 2005. Board staff has determined that
- 12 the information submitted in the application is adequately
- 13 documented. Based on this information, Board staff is
- 14 recommending that the Board approve the City's application
- 15 as submitted, but also makes a recommendation for the
- 16 implementation of an alternative program, that it believes
- 17 the jurisdiction should add to its plan for it to be
- 18 successful.
- 19 A representative from the City is present to
- 20 answer any questions.
- 21 This concludes my presentation.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you. And a
- 23 representative from the City/hauler. Mr. South, would you
- 24 please come over. I know that you have here only if
- 25 necessary. But, first of all, we would like to

- 1 congratulate you. Ms. President, I'm -- yeah, I'm used to
- 2 saying yes, Mr. President, but I won't say that to you.
- 3 (Laughter.)
- 4 MR. SOUTH: Thank you, Madam Chairwoman.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We know you have to leave.
- 6 And I know that there are -- I had a couple of questions
- 7 for the city. I want to understand the reason why they're
- 8 not adopting the C&D. Does anybody know the C&D
- 9 Regulation?
- MS. CRUZ: C&D Ordinance?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Ordinance, I'm sorry.
- 12 MS. CRUZ: Yes, the city is planning to adopt a
- 13 C&D Ordinance similar to what La Habra has been
- 14 implementing because they believe it to be very successful
- 15 in another other jurisdiction, which is next to them.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: When are they going to do
- 17 that? Maybe, I'm misread it. Maybe I misread it. But I
- 18 thought that they were not adopting the C&D Ordinance. So
- 19 they are?
- 20 MS. CRUZ: They are. The staff recommendation
- 21 and then the City agreed to implement. That's the
- 22 alternative implementing program that we are recommending.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. And what about --
- 24 there is this word regarding the buy recycled --
- MS. CRUZ: Procurement?

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON MAWRIN: -- procurement. They're not
- 2 mandating it. They're encouraging it.
- 3 MS. CRUZ: Yes. They don't have a policy.
- 4 However, they have been buying paper and recycled content
- 5 product.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. Is there anyway that
- 7 we can do more than have them encourage it? I know Ms.
- 8 Peace is going to get on that horse.
- 9 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 10 Board Members, there is an option where you can recommend
- 11 that the City do so. And if the City concurs, we can add
- 12 that as a recommended program as an additional program.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I think you're going to have
- 14 an absolutely yes from all 3 of us here. So if you could
- 15 take that back, Mr. South, to the City. I would
- 16 appreciate that.
- 17 MR. SOUTH: Yes, Madam Chair.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And I know that you're going
- 19 to -- I believe that Buena Park has been going down, was
- 20 it?
- MS. CRUZ: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So I need -- what is your
- 23 company going to do to take it up?
- 24 MR. SOUTH: To raise it. Thank you, Madam Chair.
- 25 Steve South, President, EDCO Disposal Corporation. EDCO

- 1 is pleased to serve as the franchise hauler of the City of
- 2 Buena Park. The City of Buena Park recognized that its
- 3 falling diversion rate in late 2004 was going to be
- 4 problematic.
- 5 And, at that time, the City authorized
- 6 implementation of a volume-based residential rate system,
- 7 as well as source separated green waste program. Those
- 8 programs are actually currently being put into place today
- 9 as we speak. Our Vice President, Efrain Ramirez, who
- 10 oversees that operation actually typically comes with the
- 11 City. And he's there today as part of the cart rollouts.
- 12 So we're implementing automated trash and manual
- 13 green. We've had a 3-week roll out currently. It's
- 14 important to note that all of the remaining material is
- 15 dirty MRF'd to a diversion level. So while there isn't
- 16 currently a construction and demolition inert ordinance in
- 17 place, although one is coming down the road, that material
- 18 still does go to a dirty MRF. And then it is diverted, a
- 19 minimum amount of 25 percent is diverted.
- 20 So I think what you're seeing the City of Buena
- 21 Park do is take a good read. Before they would come up to
- 22 the compliance issue, took a read in late 2004 and then
- 23 authorized part -- or EDCO to implement those programs.
- 24 And then as far as with the rollout there's a
- 25 very, very strong public education program that went to

- 1 all the single-family residential units.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. No further questions.
- 3 Just make sure that we have those items identified. Thank
- 4 you Mr. South, and thank you for staying.
- 5 MR. SOUTH: Thank you.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Our best to you.
- 7 Okay. Let's go back then and start from item --
- 8 oh, there's a resolution. Thank you.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I'd like to move
- 10 adoption of Resolution 2005-173.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Second.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Revised.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Revised.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Moved and seconded. Without
- 15 objection, we will substitute the previous roll call. And
- 16 it will go on consent.
- 17 Okay. The next item should be Item Number 17.
- 18 WASTE ANALYSIS BRANCH MANAGER VAN KEKERIX: Did
- 19 you want the Deputy Director's Report?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yes. Who's going to do that?
- 21 WASTE ANALYSIS BRANCH MANAGER VAN KEKERIX: I'm
- 22 going to do that. My name is Lorraine Van Kekerix. I'm
- 23 with the Waste Analysis Branch.
- 24 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: You were trying to
- 25 skip that part.

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1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: She wasn't hoping I wouldn't

- 2 notice.
- 3 (Laughter.)
- 4 WASTE ANALYSIS BRANCH MANAGER VAN KEKERIX: I
- 5 have 3 very quick items for you.
- 6 First of all, we're pleased to announce that the
- 7 Local Government Waste Diversion and Recycling Outreach
- 8 Materials web site is up. It has links to files that link
- 9 to various city materials on waste diversion and
- 10 recycling. All of the materials that we're linking to
- 11 were created by California jurisdictions. And the
- 12 materials include brochures, fact sheets, pamphlets,
- 13 newsletters, handouts, and other publications that promote
- 14 recycling.
- 15 And we're looking to have these samples help
- 16 additional California jurisdictions promote local and
- 17 state government waste diversion and recycling outreach
- 18 programs.
- 19 We anticipate that we will be adding more and
- 20 more materials to the list. And we will be promoting
- 21 those in our info-cycling newsletter, so that people know
- 22 that it's out there, as well as a series of Emails -- mass
- 23 Emails on additions to the web site.
- 24 Last month the Board approved the disposal
- 25 reporting regulations. And I'm pleased to report that

- 1 staff has been diligently working to get the package
- 2 together to go off to the Office of Administrative Law.
- 3 We expect to get that delivered within the next couple of
- 4 weeks and that will start their official review process.
- 5 We'll be letting everyone know when we send that over.
- 6 And lastly, the Adjustment Method Review Working
- 7 Group met on June 30th. We had a number of people who
- 8 were not able to attend the meeting, so the
- 9 recommendations developed by the group at the meeting are
- 10 being circulated. We will be getting input from the
- 11 entire group, and we will be bringing an agenda item to
- 12 you at the September meeting to look at what we may do to
- 13 improve the adjustment method as part of the existing
- 14 measurement system.
- 15 And that concludes my report.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you so very much. I
- 17 didn't mean to skip you or anybody else.
- 18 Okay, that leads us then to Item number 17.
- 19 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 20 Consideration of the Amended Nondisposal Facility Element
- 21 for the City of Oakland, Alameda County.
- 22 And Kyle Pogue will make the presentation.
- MR. POGUE: Good afternoon.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I don't know this gentleman.
- MR. POGUE: Good afternoon, Committee.

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1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Are you a new staff member,

- 2 sir?
- 3 (Laughter.)
- 4 MR. POGUE: I don't know how to explain that, but
- 5 yes, I am new.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: You have a new position, sir?
- 7 MR. POGUE: Yes, I do.
- 8 Hear it goes.
- 9 (Laughter.)
- 10 MR. POGUE: The City of Oakland is amending its
- 11 Nondisposal Facility Element, NDFE, by identifying and
- 12 describing the Capital Recycling Facility as a new
- 13 facility.
- 14 Additionally, the city is also amending its NDFE
- 15 to reflect changes to operations at the following
- 16 facilities: The Davis Street Transfer Station, the
- 17 Pacific Rim Recycling, Bay City Recycling and California
- 18 Waste Solutions.
- 19 The Permits and Enforcement Division will be
- 20 presenting an agenda item for the proposed permit for the
- 21 new facility in the future.
- 22 The City has submitted all required documentation
- 23 for these facilities. Therefore, staff recommends
- 24 approval of this amendment to the City of Oakland's NDFE.
- This concludes my presentation. Ferial Mosley

- 1 recycling specialist with the City of Oakland is available
- 2 to answer any questions you may have.
- 3 Thank you.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Please come forward.
- 5 Hi, how are you?
- 6 MS. MOSLEY: Good afternoon. I'm fine. Thank
- 7 you, Madam Chair --
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: State your name for the
- 9 record.
- 10 MS. MOSLEY: -- and Members of the Board. I'm
- 11 ready to answer your questions.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Any questions to the.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Can you believe it, I
- 14 don't have any questions.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: No questions. No questions.
- 16 Well, you get off easy. You have a very good staff member
- 17 taking care of you.
- 18 MS. MOSLEY: Thank you. And I think we are above
- 19 50 percent diversion. So thank you very much for your
- 20 appreciation for what you are doing.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yes. Thank you for
- 22 everything that you do. Thank you. Yeah, you did not
- 23 state your name for the record.
- 24 MS. MOSLEY: Ferial Mosley, recycling specialist
- 25 with the City of Oakland.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you very much. All
- 2 right.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Madam Chair, I'd
- 4 like to move adoption of Resolution 2005-170.
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Second.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Moved and seconded. And
- 7 without objection, we will substitute the previous roll
- 8 call, and we'll place this item on consent.
- 9 Okay. Item number 18.
- 10 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 11 Consideration of a Request to Change the Base Year to 2003
- 12 for the Previously Approved Source Reduction and Recycling
- 13 Element for the City of Milpitas, Santa Clara County. And
- 14 Kathy Davis will make this presentation.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay, Ms. Davis.
- MS. DAVIS: Hi. The City of Milpitas has
- 17 requested to change its base year to 2003. The City has
- 18 requested a 53 percent diversion rate for the 2003 new
- 19 base year. In addition, the City has submitted
- 20 documentation showing it meets the statutory conditions
- 21 for claiming biomass diversion credit in 2003.
- 22 With the staff recommended new base year and the
- 23 biomass diversion, the City's 2003 diversion rate would be
- 24 54 percent, of which one percent is from biomass. Board
- 25 staff therefore recommends the Board adopt option 3, which

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- 1 would approve the City's new base year with staff
- 2 recommendations, and its biomass diversion claim.
- 3 Darryl Wong from the City of Milpitas is here.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Darryl, how are you?
- 5 MR. WONG: Good afternoon.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you very much for being
- 7 here. We really appreciate it. I just need to know a
- 8 quick question on the biomass, what kind of feedstock is
- 9 that?
- 10 MR. WONG: It is feedstock that is collected by
- 11 our franchise hauler. And then they use the material --
- 12 they make a decision on how to best use the material and
- 13 then they allocate out the material that they collect from
- 14 the community.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: But there is not one
- 16 particular, like for example, rice hogs -- so it's just --
- 17 okay.
- 18 MR. WONG: The community is kind of a blend.
- 19 We're primarily -- we're in Silicon Valley. And we have a
- 20 lot of industry that is associated with high-tech. And
- 21 also our community is pretty diverse. We have citizens
- 22 that work throughout the area. Our population actually
- 23 doubles during the day because of the influx of workers
- 24 within the industry.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. And so the biomass,

- 1 where is it being taken? Which facility?
- 2 MS. DAVIS: It's a few different facilities.
- 3 It's Rio Bravo Rocklin, AES Mendota.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Oh, okay. So it's not just
- 5 one particular facility?
- 6 MS. DAVIS: No, it was several. And it was a
- 7 small percentage from the franchise hauler, from the C&D
- 8 operations and green waste.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. All right. Well,
- 10 thank you. And I know just for the record it was
- 11 Darryl --
- 12 MR. WONG: Wong. I'm the utility engineer for
- 13 the City. And I deal with water, recycled water, urban
- 14 runoff issues. We bring -- in fact, I worked with the
- 15 local waste water pollution control plant, and we bring in
- 16 recycled water. And it is now about 5 percent of our
- 17 total water use. And I'm quite proud of our community.
- 18 We're very conscientious about being stewards to the
- 19 environment.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, certainly and at 54
- 21 percent you help us a lot in our mandate, so we really
- 22 appreciate that as well.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. One more questions.
- Ms. Peace.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I just have one general

- 1 question. I guess on biomass, one of the concerns is says
- 2 the biomass facility exclusively processes biomass. Can
- 3 you explain exactly. So Madera Power and Soledad Energy
- 4 only process biomass.
- 5 MS. DAVIS: It's a certain material type. I
- 6 think that we're looking at is, you know, in -- and in the
- 7 item to meet the statutory requirements, you can only
- 8 process certain material types. And most of those
- 9 material types are green waste. So if they were using --
- 10 I think this gets at are they using any alternative fuel
- 11 like tires or, you know, other types of material other
- 12 than green waste or agricultural waste. And, no, they
- 13 were not.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: It's only basically like
- 15 they're not using tire chips, but that doesn't mean
- 16 they're not using coal or natural gas or -- I mean,
- 17 they're running their plant on other things other than
- 18 biomass?
- 19 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 20 (Ms. Morgan nods head.)
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I guess you had the same
- 22 question. That's why my very first questions was what
- 23 kind of feedstock are they taking in. Okay.
- MR. WONG: Can I make one more comment?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yes, please.

- 1 MR. WONG: I have a very small staff. And I want
- 2 to acknowledge the effort that Kathy Davis and your staff
- 3 assisted us on. There were very patient with my staff, to
- 4 make sure that each item that we submitted was validated
- 5 and was accurate. And we actually had several sessions
- 6 where we sat down with your staff and with the franchise
- 7 hauler. And so I want to extend my appreciation for the
- 8 efforts.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you, Mr. Wong. We
- 10 usually get a lot of kudos for our staff. They do have
- 11 it. While we do trust you and everybody else, we trust
- 12 but verify, when you say it's true.
- MR. WONG: Understood.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you so very much. And
- 15 good luck and thank you for your efforts.
- Okay, is there a motion?
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Madam Chair, I'd
- 18 like to move adoption of Resolution 2005-171, Option 3.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Option 3.
- Ms. Peace.
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Second.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Second. Moved and seconded.
- 23 Without objection, we'll substitute the previous roll
- 24 call, and we'll move on to the next item, and it will go
- 25 on consent.

- 1 The next item is Item 19.
- 2 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 3 Consideration of a Request to Change the Base Year to 2003
- 4 for the Previously Approved Source Reduction and Recycling
- 5 Element for the Unincorporated Area of Orange County.
- 6 And Kaoru Cruz will make this presentation.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay, Ms. Cruz.
- 8 MS. CRUZ: Good morning again. The
- 9 unincorporated area of Orange County requested to change
- 10 its base year to 2003. The county originally submitted a
- 11 new base year change request with a diversion rate of 39
- 12 percent, up for 2003.
- 13 As a result of staff's verification findings,
- 14 staff is recommending changes to the base year. Based on
- 15 the change, the diversion rate will be 33 percent. As
- 16 part of the base year study review, both staff conducted a
- 17 detailed site visit in December 2004. As a result of
- 18 staff verification finding, both staffs proposed changes
- 19 can be seen in Attachment 3 of the agenda package.
- 20 Board staff is recommending Option 2 of the
- 21 agenda item, which would approve the revised new base year
- 22 with staff recommendation. A representative from the
- 23 county is present to answer any questions.
- 24 This concludes my presentation.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Thank you. Anybody

- 1 representing here the county?
- Who is?
- 3 MS. LEONARD: Good afternoon. My name is
- 4 Michelle Leonard with SCS Engineers, the consultant to the
- 5 County. And we assisted them in the preparation of the
- 6 new base year study.
- With me also today is Sue Gordon from the county,
- 8 and she'd also like to talk to you about some of the
- 9 issues that came up.
- 10 What I'd like to discuss is the 25,000 tons of
- 11 diversion that was taken out of the study. Originally,
- 12 the study as we presented it resulted in a 39 percent
- 13 diversion rate, which we feel is much more representative
- 14 of the diversion rate in the county than the 33 percent.
- 15 The 25,000 tons was -- is inert material concrete
- 16 and asphalt that's processed at one of the many C&D
- 17 processors in the county. The facility was visited by
- 18 Board staff. And after that visit, which was one of many
- 19 of the visits, they determined that they would not allow
- 20 us to include that tonnage in the report.
- 21 It's a facility that's been operating for many
- 22 years. They're mostly involved in concrete breaking and
- 23 processing of that material, and they process all of the
- 24 material. And it's true diversion.
- But they do not have scales. They have been in

- 1 operation, as I said, for many years and have been
- 2 operating successfully without any complaints, without any
- 3 concerns, and it's not a facility that's just, you know,
- 4 stockpiling material for, you know, any kind of future
- 5 use. They do process all the material.
- 6 The estimate came from the facility operator
- 7 himself. We, as part of our study, sent out surveys to
- 8 all of the facilities and haulers and got a good response
- 9 rate. And he was one that responded and indicated that
- 10 approximately -- or he indicated 25,000 tons came from the
- 11 count unincorporated area. He bases that information on
- 12 the number and types of trucks that come into his
- 13 facility, and his knowledge of, you know, how much that
- 14 material weighs.
- 15 After many attempts to get some type of written
- 16 documentation, the facility basically has said, you know,
- 17 we don't have that documentation. My feeling is they've
- 18 just -- they are concerned about giving that information
- 19 out. They are a smaller operation than others in the
- 20 county. And I think their concern is that this
- 21 information is proprietary and they really don't want it
- 22 to get out in the public, you know, what they're doing and
- 23 how much they're doing, in terms of you know concern about
- 24 competition.
- 25 So we would like to see that tonnage. We feel

- 1 that that tonnage should be counted in the base year
- 2 study. It is a significant amount. It was the
- 3 difference, again, between a 39 and a 33 percent diversion
- 4 rate, so it's 6 percent of the diversion in the County.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Let me ask staff, why didn't
- 6 we -- what was our reason?
- 7 MS. CRUZ: Well, we couldn't verify any record.
- 8 We went to the facility, but the facility itself doesn't
- 9 have any -- we couldn't see the activity over there. It's
- 10 just the office. We went to the office and met the
- 11 contact person. And when we requested to see some kind of
- 12 documentation to verify the claimed tonnage, they could
- 13 not provide it to us at that time.
- 14 However, the City and the consultant wanted to
- 15 gather such information, any kind of information --
- 16 Michelle just said that the number -- the estimate is
- 17 based on the number of trucks. So if we could verify and
- 18 then see some kind of documentation it is said that based
- 19 on the weight ticket, and if you can see any kind of
- 20 documentation, we could have included it.
- 21 And we have already notified -- the city has --
- 22 I'm sorry, the county has until the end of 2006 to get
- 23 such information, so that they can correct the base year
- 24 later.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. All right. Any

- 1 questions?
- Ms. Peace.
- 3 MS. LEONARD: I just might add that we've spent a
- 4 lot of time contacting -- I called the gentleman there on
- 5 a weekly basis, and I just feel that, you know, at this
- 6 point, he's just reluctant to, you know, release any of
- 7 the information. Again they're a small company. They
- 8 don't have scales. You know they have trucks and so he
- 9 knows, based on the types and sizes and types of
- 10 materials, that, you know, that information is accurate.
- 11 And we did discuss with Kaoru about, you know,
- 12 coming back later to try to, you know, if we could get the
- 13 information. But this agenda item has already been
- 14 delayed for many months as we tried to get that
- 15 information from him. So I'm not sure that that's, you
- 16 know, going to be a solution to it.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: You feel like the
- 19 information is there, but they're just not giving it to
- 20 you?
- 21 MS. LEONARD: I'm sure that they are a legitimate
- 22 company. Again, we've had -- the county, the LEA has had
- 23 no complaints about them. They are legitimate company.
- 24 So I'm sure they filed, you know, income tax, which
- 25 probably would indicate how much, you know, gross revenues

- 1 they make, et cetera. And you could probably extrapolate
- 2 that back on that. But, you know, short of asking them
- 3 for that type of information, you know, I don't think that
- 4 they are willing to try to come up with any other types of
- 5 information.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, 6 percentage points or
- 7 6 points is a very significant amount, number 1. But then
- 8 the question is, okay, so that takes you to 39, give or
- 9 take, and then what happens with the other 11 percent?
- 10 MS. LEONARD: The second half of the
- 11 presentation.
- 12 MS. GORDON: I'm Sue Gordon, manager of
- 13 environmental programs for Integrated Waste Management
- 14 Department, County of Orange.
- 15 Our unincorporated county is quite an unusual
- 16 area. We call it the holes in the swiss cheese. What's
- 17 happened throughout the development of Orange county is
- 18 that for some unknown reason sometimes cities will
- 19 incorporate, but pieces of it will not, and will still
- 20 unincorporated areas.
- 21 So what we've ended up with is a whole display --
- 22 in fact, I brought a map, but I spilled coffee on it in
- 23 the airplane, so it doesn't look really good. But it
- 24 shows us looking where -- we are little pepper corns all
- 25 over the place. We're scattered. You may have 250

- 1 households in the middle of Anaheim. You may have 50
- 2 households in Tustin. Needless to say, trying to get a
- 3 grip on the activities that are going on in these little
- 4 polka dots throughout the county is difficult at best.
- 5 But what really aggravated the situation was our
- 6 bankruptcy. In 1994, that's when everything hit the fan,
- 7 and what happened as a result of that was a great push to
- 8 annex all those little islands. In the year 2000 there
- 9 were over 50 islands scattered throughout Orange County.
- 10 And as this process of annexation took place, we are now
- 11 looking at only 26 islands, which, you know, before we had
- 12 50.
- 13 But still, you know, in terms of general
- 14 communities we really only have a couple of communities,
- 15 one is Rossmore, which is about 15,000 people and Cota De
- 16 Caza, which is about 24,000 people, and the rest of it is
- 17 is Cleveland National Forest, open space, NCCP, Nature
- 18 Preserve, landfills. So, you know, we have a unique
- 19 situation where we've lost 50 percent of our population
- 20 over the last 4 years.
- 21 And one of the things that came about as a result
- 22 of our new base year, we did waste audits on our top 10
- 23 commercial businesses. Well, what we found is that some
- 24 of the -- when the haulers gave us their top 10, when our
- 25 consultants went out to do the audits, we found out they

- 1 were in cities. So what we're finding is we think that
- 2 maybe hauler records have not kept up with the rapid pace
- 3 of annexations.
- 4 And so, you know, we're in the process right now,
- 5 in fact, SCS will be doing a hauler audit in the near
- 6 future to try and get our addresses right, so we know
- 7 what's unincorporated and what is city.
- 8 We also lost 5 areas because our south county
- 9 developed so rapidly. And when we had programs put in
- 10 place in that area when it was unincorporated, we had
- 11 Leisure Laguna Woods in Leisure World at the time. It was
- 12 unincorporated. That was a closed loop city. We got
- 13 great diversion. If you look at our first number, it was
- 14 40 percent. That's when it was part of the unincorporated
- 15 area.
- But as with incorporations taking place, we ended
- 17 up losing an area that was equivalent now to 5 cities who
- 18 have our programs in place and reaping our successes. So
- 19 what's happened is we're shrinking down, and the county's
- 20 goal now is really to only provide regional services. I
- 21 foresee a time where we will not have any islands left.
- 22 We may have the communities that don't wish to
- 23 incorporate, but, you know, it's such a rapidly changing
- 24 environment that no one can keep pace with what's
- 25 happening.

- 1 What I thought was interesting when I was doing
- 2 some research on this, we are the smallest county in
- 3 southern California, but we're the most -- second dense in
- 4 the state after San Francisco. We have 3,822 people per
- 5 square mile overall in the county. In the unincorporated
- 6 area, we have 386 people per square mile.
- 7 So what you've got is people living in canyons,
- 8 people living in the hills, and dispersed all over the
- 9 place. So it's very difficult to keep track of the
- 10 accuracy of the diversion and the disposal that goes on.
- 11 So that's what we're attempting to do now, now that we
- 12 have a good base year.
- 13 If we could get that additional 6 percent, it
- 14 would even be better. But, you know, we have an evolving
- 15 situation there that hasn't stopped yet. We still have 14
- 16 more areas that have to be annexed, and that means more
- 17 population that we've lost.
- 18 There's also been a switch in the sectors.
- 19 Whereas, we used to have more of an equal split between
- 20 commercial and residential, we are now more commercial
- 21 than we are residential. In fact, it's 75 percent 77
- 22 percent commercial, and 25 percent residential. So we've
- 23 had a switch there as well.
- 24 So it's just a rapidly changing environment,
- 25 which poses unique challenges for stable programs.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. I know Ms. Peace
- 2 wanted to ask a question.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I was going to say so if
- 4 you can get that processing facility to give you some
- 5 actual weight slips or something, then we can always go
- 6 back and change their base year.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That's what we're hoping to
- 8 do.
- 9 MS. GORDON: Is there a possibility that we could
- 10 get part of it -- part of that tonnage? Instead of an all
- 11 or nothing could we get part of it?
- 12 MS. CRUZ: Well, we have to verify the tonnage
- 13 somewhere. And then one of the facilities we went and I
- 14 think it's RF Processing Facility -- no, I'm sorry the
- 15 other facility. Anyway, we physically went to the office,
- 16 because they don't want to release the information like
- 17 fax it to us or Email it to us. So we physically verified
- 18 their documentation in their office. And as long as we
- 19 verified it, we didn't bring back any copies. So their
- 20 information is still there, and it's confidential. Just
- 21 note it in the modification table that it's been verified.
- 22 So if this facility would allow us to visit the
- 23 office and take a look at their records, and verify there
- 24 are and don't, you know, bring in any documentation, that
- 25 would be a possibly, too.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Good. I don't know that it
- 2 would be appropriate for us, just without verifying, to
- 3 give you the credits. But we certainly would love to work
- 4 with you and try to get that verification as soon as
- 5 possible.
- I don't know what else it would take. I'm sure
- 7 this particular company --
- 8 MS. GORDON: Because they're not required to
- 9 report anything. I mean, they're not. So we're kind of
- 10 being at a disadvantage because they're not required to
- 11 report, even though they voluntarily provided the
- 12 information to us. They had no reason to bogus up the
- 13 numbers. I mean, we just sent out a mass survey to all
- 14 these folks, and they replied. They were some that did
- 15 replay back. They had to base it on something.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, absolutely. And I'm
- 17 sure, you know, there could be a round about way. It
- 18 would seem me that it is in their best interests to
- 19 cooperate, not only with the Board but certainly with the
- 20 county. I mean, they are providing a service in the
- 21 county and they are --
- MS. GORDON: Right. We've been at them for
- 23 months, weekly calls, nagging.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. But well, let's see if
- 25 we can get these numbers one way or another verified. I

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- 1 mean, I'm not going to disclose what my tactics would be.
- 2 (Laughter.)
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We tried to get it, but we
- 4 certainly -- there are ways to -- we can find information.
- 5 And certainly very legal ways. I'm not -- my legal staff
- 6 is already looking at us. You know, we do surveys. We do
- 7 surveys all the time. We can do all kinds of different
- 8 surveys. So let's see if we can get somewhere somehow the
- 9 verification of that, and we'll go from there.
- 10 We appreciate the uniqueness of the county. And,
- 11 you know, I've visited 41 counties Orange County being one
- 12 of them already. But I appreciate, you know, the -- I
- 13 think the -- what was it the cheese that you suggested?
- MS. GORDON: Swiss cheese.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Swiss chees analogies is
- 16 perfect. And you're in the hole right now, what can we
- 17 say. But with that, I think that your request to change
- 18 the base year would be approved. Is there a motion to
- 19 that effect?
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Okay I'd like to move
- 21 Resolution number 2005-172.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Second
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Moved and seconded. Without
- 25 objection, that will be the order and we will put this

- 1 item on consent.
- 2 Okay let's -- 20 we just did. So we'll go to 21.
- 3 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 4 Consideration of a Second SB 1066 Time Extension
- 5 Application by the Following Jurisdictions: The Cities of
- 6 Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria and the City of Imperial and
- 7 Imperial County. And Tara Gauthier will make this
- 8 presentation.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you, Tara. Oh, wait a
- 10 minute. I'm so sorry. I had somebody that wanted to
- 11 speak on this item before?
- 12 No need. Okay, thank you, Mr. Edgar.
- Okay. Thank you.
- 14 MS. GAUTHIER: Good afternoon Committee Members.
- 15 The Cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria and Imperial
- 16 in Imperial County have requested an extension through
- 17 December 31st, 2005. These jurisdictions first time
- 18 extensions have been ended. And despite their efforts to
- 19 meet the timelines in their first plans of correction,
- 20 they will need additional time to implement programs.
- 21 Board staff has determined that the information
- 22 submitted in all the applications is adequately
- 23 documented, and is recommending that the Board approve the
- 24 time extension request for these jurisdictions.
- 25 Representatives from the jurisdictions are

- 1 present to answer any questions. This concludes my
- 2 presentation.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you. We will. And we
- 4 will throught them really quick.
- 5 Let me see, City of Brawley.
- I'm so happy to see you again.
- 7 MS. ARELLANO: Thank you, likewise.
- 8 Committee members, my name is Yazmin Arellano,
- 9 Public Works Director for the City of Brawley. And I
- 10 would just like to address the Committee members,
- 11 basically just giving a few pointers out of our
- 12 jurisdiction which is the City of Brawley, which is a
- 13 self-hauler. The City has struggled with different
- 14 programs to achieve a 43 percent diversion during the last
- 15 year, just because we're self-hauler.
- 16 One of the alternatives to increase our diversion
- 17 that the City of Brawley is studying is to privatize its
- 18 solid waste operations because of the large type of
- 19 investment that is needed.
- 20 Currently, the City of Brawley has a pilot
- 21 recycling area with the lowest contamination rate in the
- 22 Imperial Valley. The City of Brawley offers free
- 23 commercial cardboard pickup, very successful to the
- 24 commercial clients. And we usually pick up about 150 tons
- 25 of cardboard per year on average.

- 1 In addition, the City has expanded its Material
- 2 Recovery Facility to include tires, aside from mixed
- 3 paper, cardboard, aluminum, plastic and glass.
- 4 The City of Brawley is considering running a
- 5 green waste drop-off area as an interim program while
- 6 considering the curbside expansion. This City of Brawley
- 7 ran a pilot program during the months of April and May,
- 8 during 5 weeks opening the city yards on Saturdays. And
- 9 this was advertised on a community service channel,
- 10 newspaper, radio and hand-delivered notices.
- 11 We had about 35 families show up during these 5
- 12 weeks. The City of Brawley also needs more time to
- 13 implement our Construction and Demolition Debris
- 14 Ordinance. We just finised the advertisement period to
- 15 hire the inspector, the C&D Inspector. And we did that
- 16 because we had to -- it was funded on the fiscal year
- 17 05/06 budget, which just became effective on July 1st.
- 18 But we started advertising during the month of
- 19 June. And we're pretty much ready to hire the C&D
- 20 inspector.
- 21 Also, we request more time to enter into phase 3
- 22 of our street rehabilitation project. During '04 we
- 23 completed the phase 1, which was a pilot project, which we
- 24 utilized 4,072 tires, equivalent to 40.72 tons. And
- 25 during '05 we finished phase 2, which we utilized 10,921

- 1 tires.
- 2 And we have the fall/winter project 05/06, which
- 3 we're estimating to utilize at least 12,000 tires, which
- 4 is equivalent to 120 tons. So we put all these three
- 5 projects together in the last 3 years, we're looking at
- 6 approximately 270 tons of tires, utilizing an air-ram
- 7 technique. And I could expand on that, if you wish.
- 8 In addition, we're also request the recycling of
- 9 materials in all of our capital improvement projects.
- 10 When we do -- we recycle are grinds within our facilities,
- 11 we apply them to the water plant or to the waste water
- 12 plant apply the SS1H oil after compaction.
- 13 And also concrete and base are taken to a local
- 14 facility to be processed into a Class 2 base.
- 15 And, at this point, I would like to answer any
- 16 questions the Board may have.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We appreciate the work that
- 18 you guys are doing. I was actually very impressed. I
- 19 visited the City of Brawley and happy to see that Public
- 20 Works director being a women, and a Latina and it makes me
- 21 proud.
- 22 But I just wanted to ask you on the C&D
- 23 Ordinance. It has not been approved by the City Council.
- 24 They're already hiring somebody.
- MS. ARELLANO: No, it was approved back in '04.

- 1 It's just that the position was not funded. But we
- 2 managed to fund the position for fiscal year 05/06. The
- 3 inspector is going to be working under the Building
- 4 Department. He's going to be a part-time inspector, part
- 5 time C&D.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Excellent, okay. Any further
- 7 questions?
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Did I read that you have
- 9 laid some rubberized asphalt concrete roads?
- MS. ARELLANO: Yes.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Great. Also, do you
- 12 already have a recycled content procurement policy or are
- 13 you in the process?
- MS. ARELLANO: I'm in the process, yes. We
- 15 should establish that by October.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Great. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Good. We like October
- 18 September. Would be better, but October is fine.
- 19 Thank you very much, Ms. Arellano.
- MS. ARELLANO: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Pretty soon are we going to
- 22 have a little Ms. Arellano.
- MS. ARELLANO: Pardon me?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Are we goig to have a baby?
- MS. ARELLANO: Yeah, a boy. Two more months.

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- 1 Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I thought I remembered that.
- 3 Okay. Great. Mr. or Mrs. Calexico. Anybody here from
- 4 Calexico? Mr. Calexico.
- 5 MR. DOUTHITT: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and
- 6 Committee members. My name is Bob Douthitt, and I'm with
- 7 the Imperial Valley Waste Management Task Force, and today
- 8 I'll be representing the City of Calexico as well as
- 9 Calipat.
- 10 And you want to begin with Calexico, correct?
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Please. Yeah. The concern
- 12 is that you're at 34 percent. And I wanted to ask staff
- 13 are they considered rural?
- MS. GAUTHIER: No.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: All right. So they haven't
- 16 applied for the rural exception.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Tell us how you're going to
- 18 go all the way to 50 percent.
- MR. DOUTHITT: I'm sorry, what?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Tell us how you're going to
- 21 achieve 50 percent?
- 22 MR. DOUTHITT: Oaky, here we go. The City of
- 23 Calexico is working with the hauler to increase
- 24 residential participation to reduce the contamination of
- 25 recycling and green waste. And the city is actually going

- 1 to go ahead and, I guess they already have, set up
- 2 monetary penalties for contamination.
- 3 They're also expanding the commercial recycling
- 4 to include multi-family units. And the City is also
- 5 working with the hauler to assist school districts to set
- 6 up recycling services. And Calexico has passed a C&D
- 7 Ordinance in 2004. And the program is to be monitored by
- 8 a new staff position. I believe it's the Chief Building
- 9 Officer.
- 10 And that concludes the plan of correction. Do
- 11 you have any questions?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Go ahead.
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Well, you know why my
- 14 standard question is
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I know what your question is
- 16 going to be.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Do you have a recycled
- 18 content procurement policy?
- MR. DOUTHITT: I'm sorry, what?
- 20 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Do you have a recycled
- 21 content procurement policy in the City of Calexico where
- 22 you buy recycled content items.
- MR. DOUTHITT: I don't know if Calexico has it or
- 24 not. I know that Calexico has been, in the last several
- 25 years has been growing tremendously and developing. And

- 1 they've just been real short of staff. And they're now
- 2 really getting in line to take care of things, but I don't
- 3 know if they have a procurement resolution
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Mr. Douthitt, I think
- 5 that this Board really more than encourages cities to
- 6 adopt those ordinances, and make sure that they're the
- 7 law, that they are actually enforced. So if you could go
- 8 back to the City of Calexico.
- 9 This is very disconcerting, because as I'm sure
- 10 you've been here throughout the morning, and you've heard
- 11 that there are some cities that do a very good job, many
- 12 of them are achieving more than 50 percent. And we really
- 13 appreciate that. And so when we have a city at 34 percent
- 14 or less than that, it's a big concern for us, because if
- 15 there's something that we need to do, we would like to
- 16 help the City achieve its 50 percent. You know, we're
- 17 only as successful as the individual cities are.
- 18 And so I would hope and the staff is confident
- 19 that I know that some of us become very concerned when,
- 20 you know -- when the current rate or at least the latest
- 21 figures show very, very low 34 percent diversion rate.
- 22 It's of concern. And while we appreciate the uniqueness
- 23 of each city, somewhere somehow 34 percent is not
- 24 acceptable.
- MR. DOUTHITT: I understand that. And they do

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- 1 too. And they may have a procurement resolution in place.
- 2 And I don't -- that's one question I did not ask, so I
- 3 don't know.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 5 Ms. Peace.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Well, a feel city is not
- 7 making a good faith effort unless they buy recycled
- 8 products. So can we add that to their plan of correction?
- 9 Mr. Washington.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Actually, I'd like to
- 11 make sure that's brought up in all of these things from
- 12 now on. If it's not -- if they don't have one to add that
- 13 to their plan of correction.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: You know, that's a good
- 15 point. And the same thing with C&D Ordinances. That
- 16 should be a requirement period, no questions asked.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Whether emergency
- 18 or otherwise.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. And if they had
- 20 promised it and they haven't done it, that that should be
- 21 a real read flag to all of us.
- Okay, is everybody satisfied with Calexico?
- Okay, Calipatria.
- MR. DOUTHITT: Okay.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Now, this one is a little bit

- 1 better. This one is at 49 percent.
- 2 MR. DOUTHITT: Well, they don't have far to go on
- 3 this one.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: But they don't have a C&D --
- 5 MR. DOUTHITT: They do not have a C&D Ordinance.
- 6 And it's only because the city is so small, and they just
- 7 built a school 2 or 3 years -- several years back, and
- 8 they had a lot of cooperation running everything through
- 9 the C&D, at that point. And they do have some plans for
- 10 30 or 40 houses being built this year, which they think --
- 11 they don't know if it's going to be enough to justify
- 12 somebody to monitor that or not, but they feel confident
- 13 that because of the success they had with the school C&D
- 14 program that they'll --
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: How many --
- MR. DOUTHITT: How many residents in Calipat? I
- 17 think there's like 2,500.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Twenty-five hundred. And the
- 19 growth -- anticipated growth?
- 20 MR. DOUTHITT: Well, the growth has been very
- 21 slow, but they have -- the City Planner has, I think,
- 22 plans for around 300 residences this year. Well, I think
- 23 30 or 40 this year and the rest of it next year.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, the same goes through.
- 25 See for us, when a city is --

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- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Incorporated.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, when a city is
- 3 attempting to develop all of their programs, for us that's
- 4 more than a good faith effort. You know, they can come up
- 5 with -- some cities come up with all kinds of different
- 6 excuses as to why they can't go this way. Well, to us
- 7 that's not a good faith effort, but we have cities that go
- 8 beyond -- you know, they attempt to develop their
- 9 programs. They put their ordinances in place. They try
- 10 to get them enforced.
- 11 For us, that's very important. And they're
- 12 showing, in fact, the good faith effort that Ms. Peace is
- 13 talking about. And if you can take that back to them, we
- 14 very much appreciate that.
- MR. DOUTHITT: We'd be happy too.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And the last one is the City
- 17 of Imperial.
- 18 MR. DOUTHITT: Are we finished with Calipat?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I'm sorry. Are there any
- 20 further questions?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I think we're going to
- 22 add the recycled content procurement policy in their
- 23 action also.
- 24 MR. DOUTHITT: I would like to add that they do
- 25 have a procurement resolution, the City of Calipat does.

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Oh, they do. Okay, great.
- 2 Six to one and half dozen of the other, okay.
- 3 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: So we don't neeed to add
- 4 that then
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I guess that one doesn't need
- 6 to be added. Okay.
- 7 Nothing, Mr. Washington?
- 8 Okay. But the C&D you're going to let them know,
- 9 that we would like to see that on their books.
- 10 MR. DOUTHITT: I will definitely let them know
- 11 about th C&D. They knew that was a problem. I talked to
- 12 them about there before coming up here. And they just
- 13 felt that, at this time, they just couldn't -- it's just
- 14 tough for them to justify someone to monitor it, I guess.
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah, and that's
- 16 fine, but as a city they're incorporated, and they have to
- 17 meet the state law. So they have to -- I mean, you guys,
- 18 are taking waste in that city. You understand? And it
- 19 has to be monitored as to where this waste is going. So
- 20 they are going to have to hire somebody. Maybe, they have
- 21 to hire somebody part time or something.
- 22 MR. DOUTHITT: Yeah, I think they do have it. At
- 23 least they were able to monitor. I think they want to try
- 24 to do it like they did the schools and which the C&D was
- 25 monitored.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yes. Although schools are
- 2 also under another mandate. They have a different mandate
- 3 on their own. It's different than businesses or
- 4 developers.
- 5 MR. DOUTHITT: Okay, is that it?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So the request is for them to
- 7 develop a C&D Ordinance.
- 8 MR. DOUTHITT: Okay.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That's part of the plan.
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Because I was going to
- 11 say because there isn't much development there now. There
- 12 isn't much development, so is that something that we need
- 13 them to do now or something to look at?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: They anticipate 300 to 400
- 15 homes to be built.
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Oh, I thought it just
- 17 said if they were to build 300 homes, then they might
- 18 generate enough money to hire --
- MR. DOUTHITT: Yeah, but that's only 30 or 40
- 20 homes. Not 300. I mean, there's plans for 300, which
- 21 will probably be in a year from now. But up to finish in
- 22 this year, probably only get 30 or 40 done. Okay. And so
- 23 that's the problem going forward with the building
- 24 inspector.
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: With limited staff

- 1 they're already at 49 percent and they have a very limited
- 2 staff, and there isn't much development. Are we really
- 3 going to -- like, we just said we wanted to see a C&D
- 4 Ordinance. But in this particular case, it seems to me a
- 5 small community, there's no development.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, I actually thought that
- 7 they were going to be building 300 to 400 homes. If
- 8 that's not the case --
- 9 MR. DOUTHITT: It's kind of a misnomer, because
- 10 really what they have going for them in Calipat is the
- 11 Calipat State Prison, and they get a lot of the diversion
- 12 from there.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Right.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Do we really need them
- 15 to focus their limited resources at this time?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: No, I thought -- I was under
- 17 the impression that it was going to be 300 to 400 homes.
- 18 If that is not the case, then I stand corrected.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Yeah.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Good. Next item will
- 21 be the City of Imperial. State your name for the record
- 22 please.
- 23 MR. LOPER: Good afternoon. My name is Jackie
- 24 Loper. I'm the Public Services Director for the City of
- 25 Imperial.

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1 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Pull that mic up to

- 2 you.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Mr. Goldberg?
- 4 MR. LOPER: Loper.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Loper.
- 6 MR. LOPER: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Tell us -- you are at 34
- 8 percent.
- 9 MR. LOPER: Yes.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay, that's not good.
- 11 MR. LOPER: No. I'll back up and let you know.
- 12 We've just started this program, as far as myself. If you
- 13 asked me 16 months ago about trash, All I knew is it's
- 14 something you through in the sack in the corner of the
- 15 kitchen. So from there I've learned a lot about solid
- 16 waste and what's gone on. And the City has gone through
- 17 basically a whole new round of personnel.
- In the last year, we have adopted a C&D
- 19 Ordinance. It is being enforced by a code enforcement
- 20 officer. He goes out on Fridays and looks at the
- 21 contamination rate and the enforcement rate in the
- 22 recycling cans -- into the recycling containers. We do
- 23 use a 3-bin container. We have one for green waste, one
- 24 for recycle and then the standard black one for house
- 25 waste.

- 1 We have also passed a mandatory recycling
- 2 ordinance in the city that says all within the city will
- 3 recycle, this includes multi-family, apartment complexes,
- 4 commercial and industrial. So we are doing the C&D. He
- 5 is in the process of -- he has notified all of the
- 6 builders in the city. We have 4 active builders in the
- 7 city that are building housing developments anywhere from
- 8 about 150 homes up to about 1,400 homes in the
- 9 development. He's working with them, and they are working
- 10 with him by contrast. As well as, he does monitor the
- 11 home recycling on Friday mornings.
- 12 We do have a procurement policy that's been in
- 13 place since 2002, and we use a centralized supply room so
- 14 that one person orders the supplies in and hands' them out
- 15 to the different departments.
- We have just recently renegotiated a contract
- 17 with our hauler that has a financial incentive to the
- 18 commercial and industrial users in the city to recycle.
- 19 And basically that it is no matter what size the container
- 20 is it is a set price, so it encourages them to recycle by
- 21 putting more and more things into the recycling container.
- 22 And most of this has happened probably in the last 9
- 23 months.
- 24 We have gotten the schools on board with the
- 25 unified school district in its entirety, recycling in the

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- 1 classrooms. And we have gone to our largest waste
- 2 generator in the city, which is the Imperial Irrigation
- 3 District, the power and water utility down there. And we
- 4 now have their corporate headquarters recycling to the
- 5 extent that they have taken their trash compactor and it
- 6 is now a recycling compactor and they utilize a standard
- 7 dumpster for waste.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. So when we have
- 9 visited -- well, when we have reviewed all of their
- 10 current programs, I mean, this -- many of us have just
- 11 taken place over the last few months.
- 12 MR. LOPER: Most everything has taken place
- 13 within the last 12 months.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Well, so we're pretty
- 15 confident that they do all of this?
- MS. GAUTHIER: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. They do have a
- 18 procurement policy.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Do they have a C&D?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: And they do have a C&D, so we
- 21 appreciate that.
- 22 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And I understand they
- 23 also have laid some rubberized asphalt concrete roads.
- MR. LOPER: Yes, we do that as well. We grind
- 25 and recycle all of our sidewalks asphalts. We have demoed

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- 1 a water tank that was mandatorily recycled, as well as a
- 2 building demolition that the City owned the building and
- 3 that was entirely recycled.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Great. Wonderful.
- 5 Wonderful. Well, thank you. Thank you for coming, and
- 6 thank you for staying. We really appreciate it. I know
- 7 it was a long drive. Well, a long drive from Imperial no
- 8 to San Diego, you probably went to San Diego, right?
- 9 MR. LOPER: We left about 2 o'clock this morning.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: You're going to get no
- 11 sypmathy from me in that regard.
- 12 (Laughter.)
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I know it will be a very long
- 14 drive back as well. So thank you very, very much for
- 15 coming. We really appreciate it. We wish you a lot of
- 16 luck. And we want you to succeed.
- 17 MR. LOPER: Thank you.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you, Mr. Loper.
- Okay, guys you ask too many questions.
- 20 Is there a motion to --
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I'd like to move
- 22 Resolution number 2005-174.
- 23 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Second.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Moved and seconded.
- 25 Without objection that will be the order of this committee

- 1 and it will be placed on consent.
- Next item is item number 22.
- 3 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 4 Consideration of a Second SB 1066 of Time Extension
- 5 Application by the Following Jurisdictions: see if I can
- 6 get this right, the City of Roseville, Placer County and
- 7 the San Benito County Integrated Waste Management Regional
- 8 agency, San Benito County. And Kyle will address the City
- 9 of Oceanside in his presentation.
- 10 MR. POGUE: Hello again. Kyle Pogue, Office of
- 11 Local Assistance.
- 12 Please note that the City of Oceanside's request
- 13 for a second time extension has been removed from this
- 14 item and will be heard at the Sustainability and Markets
- 15 Committee in August. You should have an amended
- 16 resolution reflecting this change.
- 17 The City of Roseville and the San Benito County
- 18 Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency have requested
- 19 a second SB 1066 time extension through December 31st,
- 20 2005. These jurisdictions' first time extensions have
- 21 ended. And despite their efforts to meet the timelines in
- 22 their respective first plan of corrections, they will need
- 23 additional time to implement programs.
- 24 Staff's analysis of these second SB 1066 time
- 25 extension requests is that they are reasonable given the

- 1 barriers these jurisdictions have faced. Board staff has
- 2 determined the information submitted in the applications
- 3 has been adequately documented and recommends that the
- 4 Board approve the time extension requests for these
- 5 jurisdictions.
- 6 The City of Roseville's representatives, Terry
- 7 Bosik and Mike Tilley, are available to answer any
- 8 questions. The representative from the San Benito County
- 9 Integrated Waste Management Regional Agency was not able
- 10 to attend today's Committee meeting as she was already
- 11 pre-registered and prepaid for the CRRA conference
- 12 occurring this week.
- 13 This concludes my presentation.
- 14 Thank you.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Mr. Pogue, who's here
- 16 from the City of Roseville?
- 17 MR. POGUE: That would be Terry Bosik and Mike
- 18 Tilley.
- 19 MR. BOSIK: Good afternoon, Madam Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: How are you?
- 21 MR. BOSIK: I'd be happy to answer any questions
- 22 you may have.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I need to understand a little
- 24 bit more of your barriers for the implementation when we
- 25 gave you the first extension, you ran into some barriers.

- 1 How successful are you going to be now?
- 2 MR. BOSIK: Okay, what we've started into -- oh,
- 3 I'm sorry. I'm Terry Bosik. I'm the Refuse Utility
- 4 Manager for the City of Roseville, Environmental Utilities
- 5 Department.
- 6 Since the last 1066 extension has been put in
- 7 place, we've gone ahead and accelerated the program for
- 8 our green waste collection program. We started a pilot
- 9 program in 2004 and issued 7,000 containers to 20 percent
- 10 of our customer base. That was a really well received
- 11 program that customers really took well to it. We've had
- 12 no contamination problems. Everybody did a great job on
- 13 it.
- 14 In fact, out of the 7,000 cans, we've only pulled
- 15 2 of them back in because of people contaminating them,
- 16 and that was after we gave them quite a few chances to
- 17 correct their problems. Since then we've implemented --
- 18 issued another 10,000 containers. So currently we have 50
- 19 percent of the city with green waste programs. We had a
- 20 city council meeting last Wednesday night where we were
- 21 discussing our refuse rates as well as the water and waste
- 22 water rates, but the green waste got highlighted. They
- 23 talked about it more than anything else. Everybody else
- 24 just kind of went through and they wanted to accelerate
- 25 the remainder of the green waste collection program, so

- 1 that we could get the cans out to everybody else. So
- 2 we'll be implementing the rest of the program within the
- 3 next 18 months.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: How many is that?
- 5 MR. BOSIK: That will be 35,000 homes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Wow.
- 7 MR. BOSIK: What we do is we issued all the cans
- 8 in February because that's kind of the slow time of year
- 9 for refuse. And it's after the Christmas tree collection
- 10 is taken care of. And so we can go ahead and issue those
- 11 cans during the downtime, and that way we -- just before
- 12 the March spike and green waste whenever everybody gets
- 13 out and starts working on their yards and throwing their
- 14 green waste away we can get the cans to them and really
- 15 get a good jump on the program. And, like I say, it's a
- 16 really well received program.
- Other items that we've worked on recently just
- 18 became effective July 1st, 2005 is the new contract with
- 19 our Materials Recovery Facility operator, where he will be
- 20 boosting our C&D recovery. They're virtually doubling the
- 21 size of the floor space for their C&D materials, as well
- 22 as they're going to incentive to put in place 2 people
- 23 that haul C&D with reduced tipping fees.
- 24 They've dropped the tipping fees down the \$50 a
- 25 ton. And as of, I believe, it's July 1st, 2006, I

- 1 believe, it's going down to \$45 a ton. So there will be
- 2 another additional incentive there.
- 3 We also when we deal with our contractors and
- 4 developers, we give them information as to a local asphalt
- 5 and concrete recycler, which is virtually across the
- 6 street from the City of Roseville's corporation yard. But
- 7 he's actually in the county. The other side of the street
- 8 is the county. They have given us records that they've
- 9 been recycling anywhere from 80,000 to 110,000 tons of
- 10 asphalt and concrete from Roseville.
- 11 Recently, the City of Lincoln took credit with
- 12 their new base year and took 10 percent of that. So we've
- 13 had preliminary discussions with Board staff and we're
- 14 looking to claim about 70 percent of that with a new base
- 15 year study that we're in the process of doing, and on in
- 16 the new base year.
- 17 We're also going to be submitting a new base year
- 18 request for 2004. We've done preliminary numbers for
- 19 2003, but we didn't have all the contacts in place at that
- 20 time. And we found at that point we were up around 60
- 21 percent diversion with new numbers that we can count.
- 22 It's not all in place yet for 2004, but we feel really
- 23 comfortable that the numbers should be up around that same
- 24 number.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Really?

- 1 MR. BOSIK: Yes.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Like in 18 months you're
- 3 going to be at 64 percent?
- 4 MR. BOSIK: We should be around 60 percent for
- 5 the 2004 calendar year.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Really? Really? You think
- 7 so?
- 8 MR. POGUE: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That would be great. I'll
- 10 give you stars.
- 11 MR. BOSIK: We've been collecting the information
- 12 since 2003, so -- but like I said, we weren't quite
- 13 comfortable with having all the contacts in place for all
- 14 the numbers. And so we're fine-tuning that now for 2004
- 15 and should have all that in for the final 2004 report.
- As far as procurement, one of our main deals that
- 17 we go through is rubberized asphalt. We've had --
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We have the Queen of
- 19 rubberized asphalt concrete.
- 20 (Laughter.)
- 21 MR. BOSIK: We've had a policy in place since
- 22 calendar year 2000 where we require rubberized asphalt on
- 23 all capital improvement resurfacing jobs throughout the
- 24 city. It started off, I think, it was something like
- 25 7,000 or 8,000 tons in 2000. It's progressively got more

- 1 till 200 -- last year in 2004, there was over 27,000 tons
- 2 of rubberized asphalt used on city projects.
- 3 So we're real happy with the progress that's
- 4 making. We're also using the seal when we go around and
- 5 seal the streets, that's all got rubberized content that
- 6 is required there. We've also just recently incorporated
- 7 a portion of Placer County into the city that's called the
- 8 West Roseville Specific Plan, 3,800 acres around that
- 9 site. That will be all west. I don't know if you're
- 10 familiar with the Roseville area. It's all west of where
- 11 Roseville is at out toward the county line. And all of
- 12 the arteriole streets throughout that whole development
- 13 will be required to have rubberized asphalt.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We like that a lot.
- MR. BOSIK: Thank you.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. They get brownie
- 17 points, gold star. Good. Good.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And you residents can
- 19 they tell a difference?
- MR. BOSIK: Pardon?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Can they tell a
- 22 difference?
- 23 MR. BOSIK: Yeah. It's obvious. When you get a
- 24 rubberized street out there that -- I think somebody else
- 25 mentioned that the sound is just greatly reduced and the

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- 1 maintenance is reduced on the street. I've been looking
- 2 at rubberized asphalt for 20 years myself. And I got --
- 3 this is great. I don't really have my hand in it, but I
- 4 love to see them do it.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That's awesome. That's
- 6 awesome. Wow.
- 7 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: And the C&D Ordinance,
- 8 do they already have one? Is that what's not in there?
- 9 MR. BOSIK: Our C&D Ordinance right now is mainly
- 10 based around just rubberized asphalt.
- 11 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Aren't you doing a lot
- 12 of building?
- MR. BOSIK: Lots of building.
- 14 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: But you don't have C&D?
- MR. BOSIK: That's part of the -- we hauled
- 16 everything to our regional Materials Recovery Facility.
- 17 This is what I started to say, the new contract that
- 18 became effective July -- first week before last is a
- 19 greatly increased C&D diversion from the contractor. So
- 20 he's expanding his floor space and his facilities --
- 21 actually, our facilities -- but he's expanding it. And
- 22 we've put in. -- implemented a reduced tipping fee to give
- 23 people an incentive to come out there.
- We also have that asphalt and concrete recycling
- 25 plant that I mentioned right across the street from the

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- 1 corporation yard that does well over 100,000 tons a year
- 2 of concrete and asphalt.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: One of the things that we
- 4 would love to see the City of Roseville, with all of the
- 5 great things that you are doing, is to have a C&D
- 6 Ordinance.
- 7 MR. BOSIK: We can do that.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We really would appreciate
- 9 that, because we know it works. And it's just like we
- 10 know that BRAC works, we know C&D Ordinances work. And
- 11 somebody is trying to slap you around from the back.
- 12 MR. BOSIK: He just reminded me of one other
- 13 requirement that we have in the West Roseville Specific
- 14 Plan is a 50 percent diversion of all the contractors as
- 15 well as the developers for any construction and demolition
- 16 that goes on in the West Plan itself.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: That's good.
- MR. BOSIK: So we did start --
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: So you do have -- well --
- 20 MR. BOSIK: -- the C&D ordinance there. And we
- 21 didn't put it on citywide yet, but it is in the West
- 22 Roseville Plan.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. So does this qualify
- 24 for a C&D Ordinance?
- 25 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Can you expand it to the

- 1 whole city.
- 2 MR. BOSIK: Yeah. We haven't gotten the whole
- 3 city yet, but we can easily do that.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Yeah, can we make that
- 5 requirement then.
- 6 MR. BOSIK: Okay.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We appreciate that.
- 8 MR. BOSIK: You bet.
- 9 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: A recycled content
- 10 procurement policy, do you have one of those?
- MR. BOSIK: We don't have one of those. Our
- 12 purchasing department doesn't have one of those.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: We'll ask you to have one of
- 14 those too. But we do appreciate you coming and appreciate
- 15 you taking all of the time. And do you know that
- 16 gentleman?
- 17 MR. BOSIK: Kyle?
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yes.
- 19 MR. BOSIK: Oh, yeah. He's a good guy to work
- 20 with.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: He is?
- 22 (Laughter.)
- 23 MR. BOSIK: I like him. He's fun. He's from
- 24 Colfax.
- 25 (Laughter.)

- 1 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, he's going to take all
- 2 the credit for you guys doing very, very well.
- 3 MR. POGUE: Absolutely not. These guys are doing
- 4 a good job.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. He's a good guy.
- 6 MR. BOSIK: Thank you.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Thank you very much. What
- 8 are we going to do with San Benito though?
- 9 MR. POGUE: San Benito does not have a
- 10 representative here and they were not able to attend
- 11 because of the CRRA conference.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Right, right. Do we have any
- 13 questions that maybe Mr. Pogue can answer correctly or
- 14 indirectly for the city and what do we want to do?
- 15 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I already asked them to
- 16 do a C&D Ordinance, so we're going to do that.
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: I understand that
- 18 they have a bunch of problems based on political issues
- 19 and --
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Do they?
- 21 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: -- contractual
- 22 problems.
- 23 MR. POGUE: I'm going to defer any questions you
- 24 guys have to Terri Edwards from our staff. She can
- 25 answers those.

- 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: The C&D was placed
- 2 on hold.
- 3 MS. EDWARDS: Yeah, and there was a moratorium.
- 4 It's anticipated that that will be lifted in 2006/2007.
- 5 They are going to continue working on this C&D Ordinance
- 6 with our assistance. We will be reviewing the Ordinance,
- 7 and they'll implement it for the cities that are not under
- 8 the moratorium, but once the full moratorium is lifted,
- 9 the C&D Ordinance will go out to the entire regional
- 10 agency.
- 11 And I also wanted to mention that it doesn't -- I
- 12 was looking into the PARIS programming, and it doesn't
- 13 have the procurement policy program listed, but they did
- 14 adopt a policy in 2003. And it will show up in the 2003
- 15 notes.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay.
- 17 MS. EDWARDS: So I wanted to make that -- and I
- 18 also wanted to extend our apologies, they are very sorry
- 19 about the scheduling conflict.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: I know. They actually -- the
- 21 CRRA made sure or made sure that I knew that they were
- 22 very apologetic for having the conference on the same week
- 23 and the three days of our committee meetings. So they say
- 24 that when they plan their next conference, they're going
- 25 to check with us for --

- 1 MS. EDWARDS: That's great.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: -- to make sure that it
- 3 doesn't conflict. It was a very good conference.
- 4 Okay, what's your pleasure?
- 5 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I'm okay with it.
- 6 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: And also, Madam
- 7 Chair, I understand that they left out their school
- 8 recycling in the first SB 1066 extension.
- 9 MS. EDWARDS: Right. They had a lot of work to
- 10 do with the first 1066. And if you look at their
- 11 diversion rates, you'll see that they made a lot of
- 12 progress. And this is their final thing that they need to
- 13 tackle.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Final push. Okay. Is there
- 15 a motion?
- 16 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: I'd like to move
- 17 Resolution 2005-175, revised.
- 18 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Second.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Moved and seconded.
- 20 Without objection, that will be the pleasure of the
- 21 Committee and substitute the previous roll call and we
- 22 will go to the next item item. And put this on consent.
- 23 Let me see, I believe on this particular one
- 24 we'll take Item number 24 first and then we'll take Item
- 25 23.

- 1 They're related.
- 2 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 3 Madam Chair, if it's all right with you we've prepared a
- 4 batched presentation for this one. So do you want us to
- 5 give the joint presentation the way we prepared it?
- 6 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. Go ahead. Good.
- 7 Good. Good.
- 8 OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 9 First of all, Item 24 is Consideration of a Request to
- 10 Change the Base Year to 2003 for the Previously Approved
- 11 Source Reduction and Recycling Element and Consideration
- 12 of the Petition for Sludge Diversion Credit for the City
- 13 of Murrieta, Riverside County.
- 14 Item 23, Consideration of the Application for an
- 15 SB 1066 Time Extension by the City of Murrieta, Riverside
- 16 County.
- 17 Melissa Vargas will present.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Ms. Vargas.
- 19 MS. VARGAS: Good afternoon, Committee Members.
- 20 Board staff has reviewed and verified the City's request
- 21 to establish a new base year and a request for time
- 22 extension to meet their AB 939 goal. And we are
- 23 recommending approval of these 2 agenda items.
- 24 Representatives from the City of Murrieta are
- 25 here to answer any questions.

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- 1 This concludes my presentation.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Oh, that was fast. Okay,
- 3 who's here from the city of Murrieta?
- I love your city, but not at this time.
- 5 (Laughter.)
- 6 MR. VOLLBRECHT: Thank you, Madam Chair. Al
- 7 Vollbrecht the Administrative Services Manager for the
- 8 City, and we love it, too.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Good. Okay. Item 24, I know
- 10 it's for the 2 of them. But the petition for the sludge
- 11 diversion, how many -- I know this is for biomass credit.
- 12 How many points is that going to get us? Is that 13
- 13 points is that what I'm --
- 14 MS. CRUZ: No, only 4 percent for the biomass.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Four percent.
- MS. CRUZ: Right.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. And --
- OFFICE OF LOCAL ASSISTANCE BRANCH MANAGER MORGAN:
- 19 And sludge is 1 percent.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. So tell us a little
- 21 bit about Murrieta and why do you need all of this and
- 22 what are you going to do to get us all the 50 percent in
- 23 less than 30 seconds.
- 24 (Laughter.)
- MR. VOLLBRECHT: Mainly concentrate, as you'll

- 1 notice in the time extension, on the C&D problem. And we
- 2 also are trying to do something unique in terms of public
- 3 education. We've had the opportunity to do a new contract
- 4 with our waste hauler about the same time the base year
- 5 process was going on, so we're more aware of where we
- 6 needed to focus efforts and we've taken a little bit
- 7 different approach. Our municipal code already requires
- 8 our builders to go through our waste hauler and our
- 9 contract to the franchise hauler.
- 10 And they've never done it. So it's been
- 11 primarily an enforcement issue. So our application deals
- 12 in large measure with things we've established through a
- 13 contractual relationship. The hauler, for example, is
- 14 going to fund a special code enforcement officer position
- 15 for 3 years to force these people into the waste stream.
- 16 Also, we'll deal with some degree with
- 17 anti-litter efforts. And we need to do some special
- 18 things with public education. We are going to jointly
- 19 fund that, and try to do something beyond the norm here,
- 20 do something unique and innovative to get the attention of
- 21 residential users of the system.
- 22 Our hauler also has agreed contractually to set
- 23 up a source reduction program for the sites, and building
- 24 sites. As you're probably aware, we're a very high growth
- 25 area, very high residential growth. And also is underway

- 1 in getting permits from the City of Moreno Valley to
- 2 retrofit what was originally built as a MRF, abandoned and
- 3 then more lately used as a transfer station. They're
- 4 going to retrofit that to do a C&D MRFing there and
- 5 probably with some adjacent land they want to acquire by
- 6 El Sobrante Landfill.
- 7 So we'll have kind of a 2-pronged approach, a
- 8 site separation and then, you know, going a step beyond
- 9 into the separation at the MRF.
- 10 We've got quite a bit of activity, but we've done
- 11 it a little bit differently in that we had the opportunity
- 12 to work through the contract to put these programs in
- 13 place. They also have last year permitted crushing of
- 14 facility for asphalt and concrete, which is preparing to
- 15 open its doors any day. And if we get as much bounce out
- 16 of that as the neighboring city did, we should have quite
- 17 a substantial increase in our diversion. We're looking at
- 18 a permitting on a second such facility as well.
- 19 We are in kind of a unique situation where we
- 20 have a 1990 base year, stick to the base year, but we
- 21 didn't incorporate until 1991. And that has throughout
- 22 the years been a real problem for us. We've been forced
- 23 in large measure to use county default numbers, which come
- 24 no where near reflecting our unique growth and the formula
- 25 probably never will.

- 1 So I think, you know, we reached the somewhat
- 2 painful conclusion we had to do this new base year
- 3 application. We put it off thinking we'd get there
- 4 without it, and it hasn't worked, because the formula
- 5 doesn't work for us. So your board staff, and I would
- 6 echo what a gentleman said earlier -- we've had the
- 7 opportunity to get to know Cara quite well and Kaoru, and
- 8 Melissa was on leave, so -- and even Pat Schiavo. And
- 9 they've been very good to work for and it's -- work with.
- 10 We don't work for them. Sometimes we feel we do.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Oh, are you sure now?
- 12 (Laughter.)
- 13 MR. VOLLBRECHT: I'm sure. But it was a
- 14 refreshing experience, because it was kind of contrary to
- 15 a previous experience we had. You know, they're both
- 16 enforcers and helpers, and it's kind of a strange
- 17 arrangement there. But we've enjoyed getting to know them
- 18 and that they helped us a great deal with our problems.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Well, they know what
- 20 cities -- they know the unique circumstances of cities.
- 21 And we have a wealth of expertise. I marvel every time,
- 22 whenever we have a situation, there's somebody in our
- 23 staff that has already dealt with that similar situation
- 24 somewhere else.
- 25 And, you know, I cannot emphasize enough to

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- 1 cities that, you know, that let us help you. You know,
- 2 it's in our best interests that you succeed. We want you
- 3 to reach 50 percent. And we know how to do it. We know
- 4 what it takes, but the cities have to make the commitment.
- 5 MR. VOLLBRECHT: No, we heard the message from
- 6 one of your colleagues so we took her up on the offer.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Good.
- 8 MR. VOLLBRECHT: And before Ms. Peace asks the
- 9 question, we've never had a formal procurement policy. We
- 10 have done it informally. We've, for many years, required
- 11 in our bid specs that recycled content materials be used
- 12 for print matter. We tried it in our copy machines about
- 13 about 8 years, and it was a disaster. But I understand
- 14 products are a lot better now. But we do have a
- 15 procurement policy going into effect next week.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: How appropriate.
- MR. VOLLBRECHT: It was one of the models we got
- 18 off your web site, in fact.
- 19 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: That's great.
- 20 Wonderful. But have you heard about the City of Roseville
- 21 that RAC paved roads are great too. So something else to
- 22 think about when you're doing it.
- 23 MR. VOLLBRECHT: We have, on 2 occasions, used
- 24 rubberized asphalt in major streets. We don't have a
- 25 policy on it per se, but we've tried it. We also tried

- 1 using recycled concrete and blacktop. Since we're a new
- 2 city, we don't often get into the situation of redoing
- 3 streets yet. Although, they're all going to hit us at the
- 4 same time, I'm afraid, down the road. But we do have an
- 5 old core of the city that we just recently renovated.
- 6 Part of old Highway 395 was still under that street. It
- 7 was concrete.
- 8 So we had 2 streets basically to dig up and that
- 9 was all crushed. And that was reused in the base along
- 10 the sides of the road. And engineers, a lot of times,
- 11 resist using that under the road itself, particularly if
- 12 there's a lot of utilities there and they don't think it's
- 13 a stable base. But you can use it off to the side on
- 14 rights of way and we have done that.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Good. You should know that
- 16 this Board is, especially next year, is following -- we're
- 17 going to have -- well this year and the next -- a huge
- 18 push for cities, and other entities, cities, counties
- 19 joint districts to purchase RAC. We're going to have more
- 20 money available. So make sure that when the grants come
- 21 up, if you guys are going to repave, that you use RAC.
- 22 And this state -- I mean, the Board will have grants
- 23 available for that.
- MR. VOLLBRECHT: Well, that will be good.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Yeah. See when you come

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- 1 before us you get goodies back.
- 2 MR. VOLLBRECHT: You get money.
- 3 (Laughter.)
- 4 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: You get money. Thank you
- 5 very much for taking the time. Thank you for staying so
- 6 late after lunch. And without any further questions, is
- 7 there a motion?
- 8 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Can I. --
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: No questions to you
- 10 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: Can I move both of
- 11 these resolutions since we took them up together?
- MS. EDWARDS: (Nods head.)
- 13 COMMITTEE MEMBER WASHINGTON: All right. Madam
- 14 Chair, I'd like to move adoption of Resolution 2005-176,
- 15 as well as Resolution 2005-177.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Okay. Is there a second?
- 17 COMMITTEE MEMBER PEACE: Second.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON MARIN: Moved and seconded. Without
- 19 objection, that will be the order, and it will go on
- 20 consent.
- 21 Anything more?
- Is anybody hungry?
- 23 Thank you so very much. And I know the baby is
- 24 probably very, very hungry.
- 25 Okay, thank you very much. We'll see you next

week. Thank you for lots of work. Thank you. (Thereupon the California Integrated Waste Management Board, Sustainability and Market Development Committee meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.)

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